

Elective One Pager – Rising 7th Grade

FINE ARTS

ART - This course is designed to enable students to develop their problem solving and creative thinking skills while teaching them to perceive the world around them, interpret emotion through a variety of artistic media, and evaluate their own artwork as well as the work of other artists. Students explore basic elements of art and principles of design using a variety of media and techniques concentrating on both traditional and contemporary. Students may be required to purchase some materials (art kit or supply list). An art fee may be required in some instances. Sketchbooks are required.

ART II - Students continue to explore basic elements of art and principles of design using a variety of media and techniques. Art appreciation and art history are basic to the course. Students work on honing their critical analysis skills and recreating traditional, as well as contemporary, works of art. Students will have the opportunity to participate in competitions. **Art II has a prerequisite of Art I with teacher approval and portfolio required.**

BAND - Students are taught the proper care and handling of instruments, as well as hand position and proper tone production. Music fundamentals are taught to enable students to recognize and apply musical symbols and terms. Attitudes toward cooperative effort and enthusiastic band spirit are stressed. Winter and/or spring concerts constitute the band's performance requirements. Students may be required to purchase or rent their own instruments, as well as purchase some instructional materials. (Instruments may be obtained through a rental/purchase agreement.) An annual \$80 fee is charged to students selected by the program director to use school-owned instruments. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance purposes.

Band II continues the development of instrumental musicianship. Leadership, responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, and concentration are stressed. Band students will be involved in various performances and competitions throughout the year. **Auditions required for Band II.**

CHOIR - Choral Music I provides students with basic training in vocal production, general musicianship, and choral performance. Music fundamentals are taught to enable the student to recognize and apply musical signs, symbols, and terms. Sight-singing skills are taught using Curwen hand signs. Various performance opportunities are available throughout the year. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance purposes.

Choir II expands fundamentals through poise, self-confidence, performance, artistic expression, and competition. Leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and cooperation are stressed. Sight-singing skills are further developed through two and three-part harmonization. **Auditions required for Choir II.**

ORCHESTRA - Beginning string orchestra provides students with basic training in the proper care and handling of stringed instruments, as well as the fundamentals of tone production. Music fundamentals are taught to enable students to recognize and apply musical symbols and terms. Attitudes of cooperation and self-discipline are stressed. Winter and/or spring concerts constitute this orchestra's performance requirements. Students may be required to purchase or rent the appropriate instrument, as well as purchase some instructional materials. (Instruments may be obtained through a rental/purchase agreement.) Some instruments such as cellos, basses, and harps are provided for classroom use. An annual \$80 fee is charged to students selected by the program director to use school-owned instruments. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance purposes.

Orchestra II continues the development of instrumental musicianship. Leadership, responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, and concentration are stressed. Orchestra students will be involved in various performances and competitions throughout the year. **Auditions required for Orchestra II.**

THEATER ARTS I - 7TH/8TH GRADE - Students are introduced to a variety of performance opportunities and a basic understanding of the theatre. Students learn theatre preparation techniques, discover ways to communicate nonverbally, and enhance control of their voice and body. Students study a range of theatrical content and have opportunities to perform in class and in stage productions.

THEATER ARTS II – 7TH/8TH GRADE - Students are introduced to a variety of theatre performances and activities—both as actors and technicians. Students will experiment with expressive use of the body and voice as it relates to stage production and will have the opportunity to participate in theatre competitions and plays.

