

Class Name: Symphonic Band

Course Description: The Symphonic Band is designed to provide students with an experience on band instruments. The course is designed for a range of experience from students with no experience to students who played in band in previous years. The course will heighten each student's aesthetic awareness through the musical arts by studying the many different objectives throughout the semester. Students will focus on producing a characteristic tone on their instrument, demonstrate a knowledge of musical notation, demonstrate fingerings and positions for the practical range of their instrument, develop good practice habits, demonstrate a basic understanding elements of music, develop the ability to analyze, describe, and listen to music, and to demonstrate knowledge that music is a creative art form. The Symphonic Band will perform at school concerts, for the student, body, community, and at festivals. The course will include the following instruments: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba, and Percussion

Class Time: Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Grade level for the Course: This course is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Class Name: Jazz Ensemble

Course Description: This activity is offered for students who wish to learn to play basic styles of jazz. Emphasis is placed on the swing, Latin, rock/funk, and ballad styles. The course will include instruction for improvisation which includes chord/scale relationships and learning jazz vocabulary. Jazz Band performs at school concerts, for the student body, community and at festivals. Only traditional big band instruments are used in this course (saxophones, trumpet, trombone, electric guitar, bass guitar, piano and drum set).

Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Grade Level for the Course: This course is open to all 7th, and 8th grades

Class Name: Worship Band

Course Description: This ensemble is an opportunity for students to become musical leaders during mass. The students will help lead the music during junior high and all school masses . Instrumentation for this band will include vocal performers, piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, percussion, and any other wind or string instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, etc.).

Class Time: TBA

Grade Level for the Ensemble: This course is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grades