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DANCE

Ballet 1

An exploration of the disciplines of technique required for Ballet dance. Introduction to styles, structure and aesthetics of dance. Proper dance attire required. **Ballet shoes and proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Ballet 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Ballet 1. An intermediate technical approach to ballet skills, theory, history and styles. Ballet will use elements from yoga study. If a student has been studying ballet for many years, pointe work at barre may be allowed, pending teacher's approval. **Ballet shoes and proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Ballroom 1

Students are introduced to Pre-Bronze American and International style Latin, Swing, and Ballroom dance patterns, with opportunities for social, performance and competition applications. **Shoes and proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Ballroom 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Ballroom 1. Dancers move through levels of proficiency in Intermediate-Full Bronze American and International style Latin, Swing and Ballroom dance patterns with more technical instruction for performance and competition applications. **Shoes and proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Modern 1

Students will attend to alignment, acquisition of complex technical skills, collaborative problem solving, dance conditioning, and safe studio practices. Students will learn about Modern dance in its cultural and historical contexts through research and physical experiences, explore exemplary Modern dance founders, works, and artists; employ dance as a healthy life skill, and use Modern dance terminology appropriately. **Proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Modern 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Modern 1. Building on the foundation of Modern 1, this class also starts to emphasize the use of Modern dance terminology to describe the expressive and aesthetic qualities of performance to contribute to choreographic projects. **Proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

Tap/Jazz 1

An exploration of the disciplines of technique required for the tap dancer as well as the jazz dancer. Introduction to the styles will include historical references, technical structures and aesthetics of both dance styles. **Proper dance attire and 2 different pairs of shoes required. FEE \$15.00**

Tap/Jazz 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Tap/Jazz 1 Refer to Tap/Jazz 1 and be prepared for further study in developing Tap and Jazz skills, coordination, stretch, strength and style. **Tap and Jazz shoes and proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

World Dance

The purpose of this course is to explore and develop techniques in a wide array of dances from around the World. This will include: knowledge and application of world dance techniques from a variety of cultures; understanding similarities in dance techniques and steps across different cultural dance forms; experiencing the physical fitness value derived from participation in dance; exhibiting an enhanced appreciation for the role of dance in a culture. **Proper dance attire required. FEE \$15.00**

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MUSIC

Guitar 1

Students will learn to read music, identify notes, understand and be able to play different rhythms as written in music, basic harmony and composition. Students will develop fundamental skills in guitar technique, interpretation and performance while performing grade level literature via solos and ensembles. Class assessment includes the playing of individual musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Guitar provided. Required supplies: One audio (gaming style) headset (exact type will be specified by the instructor). **FEE \$50.00**

Guitar 2- 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Guitar 1 Technique, interpretation, and performance skills are further developed along with an emphasis on ensemble playing. Harmony, composition, and improvisation are discussed. Guitar provided. The purchase of an audio (gaming style) headset is required (exact type will be specified by the instructor) **FEE \$50.00**

Chorus MS

Students will learn to read music, identify notes, understand and be able to sing rhythms as written in music, basic harmony and composition. Students will develop proper breathing and voice techniques for their individual voice while performing grade level literature via solos, ensembles and large group venues. Class assessment includes the playing of individual musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Required supplies: concert attire. **FEE \$10.00**

Orchestra

Students will learn to play the orchestral instrument of their choice: violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Students will learn basic music notation reading through the study of this instrument. Students will play and perform Grade 1 string orchestral literature. Rhythm, pitch, posture, proper instrument position and music vocabulary will be developed. Class assessment includes the playing of individual musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Students are required to rent or purchase their instrument through local music stores or online vendors. Required supplies: Method Book *Essential Elements for Strings Book 1*, instrument, rosin, shoulder rest for violins and violas, and a rock stop for cellos and basses. **Students will be placed into different levels(beginning, intermediate or advanced) based on prerequisites and teacher discretion.** **FEE \$25.00**

Band

Students will learn to play the woodwind or brass instrument of their choice: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, baritone or tuba. Students will learn basic music notation reading through the study of this instrument. Students will play and perform Grade 1 band literature. Rhythm, pitch, posture, proper instrument position and music vocabulary will be developed. Class assessment includes the playing of individual musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Students are required to rent or purchase their instrument through local music stores or online vendors. **Students will be placed into different levels(beginning, intermediate or advanced) based on prerequisites and teacher discretion.**

Keyboard 1

Students will learn to read music, identify notes, understand and be able to play different rhythms as written in music, basic harmony and composition. Students will develop basic keyboard technique while performing grade level literature via solos and ensembles. information. Class assessment includes the playing of individual

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musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Required supplies: One audio (gaming style) headset (exact type will be specified by the instructor). **FEE \$25.00**

Keyboard 2- 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Keyboard 1 More emphasis on individualized learning and sight-reading. Theory, including major and minor scales, chords, etc. Assessment includes individually learned music, ensemble work, and theory performance. The purchase of an audio (gaming style) headset is required (exact type will be specified by the instructor) **FEE \$25.00**

Percussion Ensemble

Students will learn to play all percussion instruments, including Snare Drum, Mallets and Timpani. Students will learn basic music notation reading through the study of these instruments. Students will play and perform Grade 1 percussion literature. Class assessment includes the playing of individual musical excerpts and theory work, both written and played. Students are required to purchase their own Vic Firth SD1 General Drumsticks and any gum rubber drum pad. Rental Fees Apply for the use of school owned instruments. **FEE \$25.00**

THEATRE

Theatre 1 7th -8th Grade

This is the first level of Theatre after sixth grade Theatre. Students in this collaborative class will learn about and explore all facets of theater from playwriting to set design to acting and directing. This class is a must for all students interested in theater – backstage and on stage.

FEE \$25.00

Theatre 2 8th grade

Prerequisite: Theatre 2

Students must complete one level before moving to the next.

Students in this collaborative class will delve into all aspects of theater including playwriting, directing, development of character, and learning about technical theater and design.

FEE \$25.00

Musical Theatre Production 7th - 8th grade

Students in this class will study vocalization for musical theater, dance for musical theater and play analysis. Students selecting this course will also have to select a dance class in their schedule.

FEE \$25.00

Stagecraft 1 7th - 8th Grade

Students' work focuses on learning the elements of technical theater, which includes costumes, lighting, properties (props), publicity, scenery, and sound. Also important is students' technical knowledge of safety procedures and demonstrated safe operation of theater equipment, tools, and raw materials. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend or participate in technical work, rehearsals, and/or performances beyond the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Please Note: This introductory course does not directly work with power tools.

FEE \$50.00

Stagecraft 2 8th Grade

Prerequisite: Stagecraft 1



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FEE \$50.00

VISUAL ARTS

MS 2D/3D Art - 1

7th and 8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 6th Grade Art or Art Survey.

Students will be exposed to a variety of media in both two and three-dimensional design. Projects include still life, pen and ink, perspective, paper mâché' masks, painting, calligraphy, and ceramic clay. One research paper on famous artists is included.

FEE \$45.00

MS 2D/3D Art - 2

8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MS 2D/3D Art - 1

Students will be exposed to a variety of media in both two and three-dimensional design. Projects include still life, pen and ink, perspective, paper mâché' masks, painting, calligraphy, and ceramic clay. One research paper on famous artists is included.

FEE \$45.00

MS Drawing 1

7th and 8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 6th Grade Art or Art Survey

This class is designed for students wishing to learn drawing skills. Students will explore tools and materials as well as basic design principles. This course includes some 2D and 3D projects.

FEE \$45.00

MS Drawing 2

8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MS Drawing 1

This class is designed for students wishing to continue drawing classes. Students will continue exploring tools and materials as well as basic design principles. This course includes some 2D and 3D projects.

FEE \$45.00

MS Cartooning

8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MS Drawing 1, 2D/3D Art, or Art Survey.

In this class, students will create and discuss visual art through cartooning & illustration art topics such as book art, advertising illustration, concept art for game and animation, and comic creation. This class will emphasize the art elements/principles, creative thinking, problem solving, drawing skills, and a variety of media. Subject matter will include human, animal and other inventive characters, creativity, and design processes.

FEE \$45.00

MS Puppet Building

8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Drawing 7, 2D/3D Art or Art Survey is required and current art instructor approval. Puppet building is an exciting and challenging class for those interested in learning all kinds of skills needed to build a multitude of puppet styles. Focus and determination are required for hand

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sewing, designing, sculpting and construction of a variety of materials. By diligently working towards your vision, you'll be able to fully realize the potential of your distinctive characters. In this class we build 3 dimensional "Muppet" style puppets and learn basic performing skills such as; lip sync, eye focus, entrances and exits to bring the puppets to life. This class calls for commitment, attentiveness, perseverance, and creativity.

FEE \$50.00

MS Jewelry Making

8th Grade

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MS Drawing 1, 2D/3D Art or Art Survey is required.

Students in Jewelry Making will experiment with paper, polymer clay, ceramic clay, wire and metal, leather, glass, wood, fiber and plastic in the creation of jewelry pieces. A main focus will be on the elements and principles of design and how they translate to jewelry. Students are taught terminology and proper use of tools and equipment. Students write self-critiques at the completion of each project.

FEE \$50.00

DIGITAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

Graphic Design 1

In this beginner class tailored for middle school students, budding artists will embark on a creative journey to explore the fundamentals of graphic design. From understanding the basics of design principles to hands-on experience with Adobe software, students will learn to bring their imaginative ideas to life. They'll gain essential layout, color theory, typography, and image manipulation skills through fun and interactive projects.

FEE \$20.00

Graphic Design 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Building on beginner skills, this course helps students take their graphic design abilities to the next level. Through hands-on projects, they'll master design principles, explore new techniques in Adobe software, and improve their layout, color theory, typography, and image editing skills. It's a great opportunity for young designers to boost creativity, sharpen their skills, and express themselves through graphic design! **FEE \$20.00**

Intro to Video Game Design - 8th Grade ONLY

This introductory course builds a strong programming and game design foundation, incorporating physics and math concepts. Students will use industry-standard tools like Blender and Unity to create hands-on projects, enhancing their creativity, technical skills, and problem-solving abilities. The course prepares students for high school game design pathways and future careers in technology. Success requires focus, determination, and a willingness to learn. **FEE: \$20.00**

MS Yearbook

Prerequisite: Students will undergo a screening process.

The yearbook staff has a fun and exciting job: capturing all the best moments of the school year! From taking photos and writing stories to designing pages and interviewing students, we work together to create a book that celebrates everything from classes and clubs to friendships and special events. Led by students, we plan, design, and produce the yearbook from start to finish, even handling advertising and sales. It's a lot of work, but it's also a blast and a great chance to learn real-world publishing skills while making memories that last forever!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Comprehensive Physical Education 1&2

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of traditional physical education activities. Content of this course will include history, terminology, etiquette, rules, correct techniques, strategies, and physical benefits. Physical assessments and knowledge assessments are included.

MSA PE uniform and sneakers required.

FEE \$10

MS TaeKwonDo 1 (7th & 8th Grade)

Learn basic self-defense skills, physical fitness, self-discipline and sports competition in this traditional martial art. **TaeKwonDo uniforms are required and available in the school store.**

FEE \$10

MS Tae Kwon Do 2 - 8th Grade ONLY

Learn basic and advanced self-defense skills, physical fitness, discipline and sports competition in this traditional martial art. **TaeKwonDo uniforms are required and available in the school store.**

FEE \$10

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Students should be performing at a level 3 or higher as reflected on the FAST ELA.

M/J Spanish Beginning

Introduces students to the Spanish language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Also, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this one-year course.

M/J Spanish Intermediate

This course is a continuation of M/J Beginning Spanish. Students will expand their knowledge of the language and its culture. Students will be able to engage in basic listening and speaking activities. Basic skills in reading and writing, and culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this one-year course.

Course content requirements for the two-course sequence M/J Spanish Beginning (0708000) and Intermediate (0708010) are equivalent to Spanish 1 (0708340).

M/J French Beginning

Introduces students to the French language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Also, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this one-year course.

M/J French Intermediate

This course is a continuation of M/J Beginning French. Students will expand their knowledge of the language and its culture. Students will be able to engage in basic listening and speaking activities. Basic skills in reading and writing, and culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this one-year course.

Course content requirements for the two-course sequence M/J French Beginning (0701000) and Intermediate (0701010) are equivalent to French 1 (0701320).



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HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Algebra 1 Honors

Prerequisite: Recommendation of the Previous Year’s Math Teacher, an A/B average in math and 3, 4 or 5 FAST Math score is required. High School Graduation Requirement. Passing score on Algebra I Assessment required. This course provides an introduction into algebraic concepts and processes that can be used to solve real-world mathematical problems. Enables students to become proficient in analyzing linear, quadratic, absolute value, polynomial, rational and radical equations, sets, real and complex numbers, exponents, graphing, formulas, systems of equations, inequalities and functions. Students investigate topics both analytically and graphically.

Geometry Honors - 8th Grade ONLY

Prerequisite: Recommendation of the Algebra I Math Teacher, A/B average in Algebra I class is required. Completion of Algebra I. This course develops algebraic and geometric concepts and processes that can be used to solve real-world problems. Major concept areas include fundamental properties of geometry, proofs, coordinate geometry, and right-triangle trigonometry.

Any student taking a High School level course who does not have at least a B average at semester break, will be dropped from the course.