

Encore Course Descriptions

CHOIR

Seventh grade chorus is an elective course open to all students who desire the opportunity to sing in a large choral ensemble. The chorus sings three-part music with the women divided as Soprano and Altos and the men singing Tenor or Alto depending on what is most comfortable for their voice. The objectives of the choral program is to provide students an opportunity to enjoy choral music through active participation, to acquaint students with a wide variety of quality choral, solo, and ensemble literature, and represent the school in public performances. There are four required concerts during the school year.

BAND

Seventh grade band is a year long elective course open to all students regardless of previous musical experience. Students in this class will further develop their musical abilities through study of a variety of musical literature. The students in this class have a variety of different musical opportunities including participation in honor bands, solo and ensemble festival, Junior CYWE and many other options. This class meets in a full band setting three times per week and will have at least three concerts per year.

PERCUSSION

Seventh grade percussion is a year long elective course that is an extension of sixth grade band. This class is designed for the percussion section of the seventh grade band and provides individualized instruction to this section of the band. Students in this class will cover a variety of literature in addition to that which is covered in full band class. Students will further develop techniques learned in previous years as well as develop advanced techniques through the study of solo and chamber literature. This ensemble will meet twice a week as a percussion section and once a week as part of the full band. This group will follow the same performance schedule as the full band.

MUSIC MEDIA

Music media is a semester-long elective course open to all 7th grade students interested in the study of electronic music development. Students participating in this class will gain a hands-on knowledge of different music production programs including garage band, iMovie, iPhoto, and other similar programs. Students complete several projects throughout the course of the class to further their understanding of the programs involved in basic music production. In addition to the electronic aspect of this class, students will develop a functional knowledge of some elements of music theory. This course meets two times per week.

CREATIVE WRITING

Tap into your creativity – working on the school newsletter, poetry, stories and other avenues of communication will be included. Students work together on group projects and also create a class scrapbook at the end of each semester.

COMMUNICATIONS

This course will help students develop skills necessary to be successful in Junior High and into the high school. Oral and written communication skills, debate, media literacy, research skills, public speaking, building listening skills and your confidence will all be addressed.

FITNESS

The fitness curriculum is designed to teach each student the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle in a fun and meaningful way. The daily lessons include a wide range of healthy exercises including walking, stretching, and strengthening. Topics such as nutrition, importance of sleep, heart health and making the right choices are also discussed.

MATH INTERVENTION

Math intervention is a course designed to support students who need additional support in math. This placement is based on MAP scores and teacher recommendation. Students and parents will be notified of this recommendation by their teacher or by Mrs. Cabral.