



## **JR. HIGH ARTS ELECTIVE CURRICULUM**

### **Brass/Woodwind**

Students learn to play brass and woodwind instruments and learn music from multiple time periods, genres and styles. The focus of this course is for each student to expand their knowledge and skill on their instrument.

**Grades: 7-8 (Elective)      Length: 1 Semester      Prerequisite: None**

### **Choir**

Students learn music theory, sight reading skills, and a varied repertoire of music. Students will learn proper vocal techniques, how to sing in parts, and sight reading skills. Students will be able to perform from memory, and use correct rehearsal techniques. In this course students will have the unique experience of singing harmony with a group of students.

**Grade 7-8 (Elective)      Length: 2 Semesters      Prerequisite: None**

### **Drums**

Students develop skills in drum styles and grooves from around the world. They will also learn about the cultures that helped develop these styles. Styles include: marching percussion, Afro-Cuban, jazz, rock and concert. After this class, students will have an understanding of marching drums, concert percussion, Latin percussion and drum set.

**Grades: 7-8 (Elective)      Length: 1 Semester      Prerequisite: None**

### **Guitar/Piano**

Students learn the basics of playing the acoustic guitar and electric piano. Students learn and utilize the fundamentals of music notation, music reading skills, tone production, intonation, elements of music theory, and listening skills as well as development of proper attitude with emphasis on group participation.

**Grade: 7-8 (Elective)      Length: 1 Semester      Prerequisite: None**

### **Percussion**

Students will primarily focus on mallet percussion instruments. Students will learn music from multiple time periods, genres and styles. These areas include: classical, pop, ragtime, jazz and rock. Also, students will learn two and four mallet techniques for all mallet instruments along with a strong understanding of music theory and music history.

**Grades: 7-8 (Elective)      Length: 1 Semester      Prerequisite: None**

**Theatre**

Theatre is a hands-on course designed to give students an understanding of how theatre is created. Students will gain cursory knowledge of basic theatre terminology as well as more advanced levels of knowledge and experience as they progress through the course. This course can be repeated to advance knowledge and experience in theatre and how it works.

**Grade: 7-8** (Elective)

**Length: 1 Semester**

**Prerequisite: None**