

6th Grade Music

Beginning Strings (Full year course): Students who have no musical experience can learn to play a stringed instrument. Middle School is a perfect time for students to begin who did not begin studying an instrument in elementary school! The instruments to choose from in orchestra are: violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Most instruments are available for rent from local, private vendors. The group will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order.

Intermediate Orchestra (Full Year Course): This class is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a stringed instrument. Intermediate Orchestra continues the focus on reading music, developing expertise with a selected instrument, mastering tempo, understanding the special requirements of solo and ensemble performances, and appreciating the total effect of each player's contribution to a variety of music. The orchestra will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance and proper dress at evening concerts is required. This is not a beginning orchestra class. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

Beginning Band (Full Year Course): Students who have no musical experience can learn to play a wind instrument. Middle School is a perfect time for students who did not begin studying an instrument in elementary school to begin! Most instruments are available for rent from local, private vendors. The teacher will assist the student in the selection of a suitable instrument. If many students choose drums, the teacher will give aptitude tests to select only a workable number of percussionists for the size of the class. All percussionists will begin on bells or xylophone before playing drums. The group will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Course is subject to cancellation pending enrollment.

Intermediate Band (Full Year Course): This course is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a wind or percussion instrument in elementary school and who can read music. Students with one year of experience may be recommended for this intermediate level by their elementary music teacher, or they may be placed in Beginning Band to strengthen fundamental skills. Students are given the chance to learn a different instrument at the beginning of the school year. The band will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

General Chorus (Full Year Course): Membership in sixth grade chorus is open to all students. Because this may be the first choral experience for some participants, emphasis is placed on the development singing fundamentals including diction, breathing and breath support, tone production, and pitch discrimination. Fundamentals of reading music will be taught. The chorus will perform in a minimum of two evening concerts during the course of the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required.

7th Grade Music

Intermediate Orchestra (Full Year Course): This class is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a stringed instrument. Intermediate Orchestra continues the focus on reading music, developing expertise with a selected instrument, mastering tempo, understanding the special requirements of solo and ensemble performances, and appreciating the total effect of each player's contribution to a variety of music. The orchestra will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance and proper dress at evening concerts is required. This is not a beginning orchestra class. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

Advanced Orchestra (Full Year Course): This course is designed for students with more advanced playing and rehearsal skills. This orchestra will represent the school at orchestra festivals and will be rated for their performances. Students may be asked, although not required, to participate in after-school rehearsals. Concert attendance and appropriate dress are required. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Enrollment is by recommendation of the orchestra director only.

Intermediate Band (Full Year Course): This class is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a wind or percussion instrument. Intermediate Band continues the focus on reading music, developing expertise with a selected instrument, mastering tempo, understanding the special requirements of solo and ensemble performances, and appreciating the total effect of each player's contribution to a variety of music. The band will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required. This is not a beginning band class. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

Advanced Band (Full Year Course): This class is designed for students with more advanced playing and rehearsal skills. This band will represent the school at band festivals, and will be rated for their performance. Students may be asked to participate in after-school rehearsals. Concert attendance and appropriate dress are expected. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Enrollment is by recommendation of the band director only.

Concert Chorus (Full Year Course): Membership in seventh grade chorus is open to all students. Because this may be the first choral experience for some participants, emphasis is placed on developing singing fundamentals including diction, breathing and breath support, tone production, and pitch discrimination. Fundamentals of reading music will be taught. This program is designed for general and advanced seventh grade choral students who want to sing in a performing group. The chorus will perform in a minimum of two evening concerts during the course of the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required.

Advanced Chorus (Full Year Course): Advanced chorus is designed for students who have taken a year of chorus and who have more advanced rehearsal skills. This course focuses on a more advanced approach to singing fundamentals, sight-reading, and music theory. There will be a minimum of four evening performances. This ensemble will represent the school at county festivals and a variety of community performances. Enrollment is by recommendation of the choral director or by audition only.

8th Grade Music

Intermediate Orchestra (Full Year Course): This class is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a stringed instrument. Intermediate Orchestra continues the focus on reading music, developing expertise with a selected instrument, mastering tempo, understanding the special requirements of solo and ensemble performances, and appreciating the total effect of each player's contribution to a variety of music. The orchestra will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance and proper dress at evening concerts is required. This is not a beginning orchestra class. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

Advanced Orchestra (Full Year Course): This course is designed for students with more advanced playing and rehearsal skills. This orchestra will represent the school at orchestra festivals and will be rated for their performances. Students may be asked, although not required, to participate in after-school rehearsals. Concert attendance and appropriate dress are required. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Enrollment is by recommendation of the orchestra director only.

Intermediate Band (Full Year Course): This class is open to students who have had one or two years of instruction on a wind or percussion instrument. Intermediate Band continues the focus on reading music, developing expertise with a selected instrument, mastering tempo, understanding the special requirements of solo and ensemble performances, and appreciating the total effect of each player's contribution to a variety of music. The band will perform at a minimum of two evening concerts during the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required. This is not a beginning band class. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Prerequisite: At least one year of previous instrumental music instruction.

Advanced Band (Full Year Course): This class is designed for students with more advanced playing and rehearsal skills. This band will represent the school at band festivals, and will be rated for their performance. Students may be asked to participate in after-school rehearsals. Concert attendance and appropriate dress are expected. Students who use a school-owned instrument will pay a \$50.00 security deposit. The security deposit will be refunded at the end of the year if the instrument is returned in working order. Enrollment is by recommendation of the band director only.

Concert Chorus (Full Year Course): Membership in eighth grade chorus is open to all students. Because this may be the first choral experience for some participants, emphasis is placed on developing singing fundamentals including diction, breathing and breath support, tone production, and pitch discrimination. Fundamentals of reading music will be taught. This program is designed for general and advanced seventh grade choral students who want to sing in a performing group. The chorus will perform in a minimum of two evening concerts during the course of the school year. Attendance at evening concerts is required.

Advanced Chorus (Full Year Course): Advanced chorus is designed for students who have taken a year of chorus or more, and who have more advanced rehearsal skills. This course focuses on a more advanced approach to singing fundamentals, sight-reading, and music theory. There will be a minimum of four evening performances. This ensemble will represent the school at county festivals and a variety of community performances. Enrollment is by recommendation of the choral director or by audition only.