

Instrumental and IB Course Options for 2012-13

Symphonic Band - this is a class that the current Concert Band students should sign up for next year. This class is a majority of 10th graders, but may also have some 11th and possibly 12th graders in this ensemble. This is our mid-level group that usually performs music literature around a level 4 or 5. (Our music grade levels range from 1 - 6). Our Concert Band usually performs literature at the grade 3 - 4 level.

Wind Ensemble - this is a class that the current Symphonic Band and current returning Wind Ensemble students should sign up for next year. This class is made up of mostly 11th and 12th graders. There may be a few 10th graders in this ensemble, but they would have to audition and play at an advanced level. Ninth and/or Tenth graders may also be admitted into this group based on instrumentation needs and/or a schedule conflict. This is our most advanced level group that usually performs music literature around a level 5 or 6.

Symphonic Orchestra - this is a class that the current Concert and Advanced Orchestra, and current returning Symphonic Orchestra students should sign up for next year. This class is made up of mostly 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. There may be some tenth graders that will be in the Advanced Orchestra, BUT FOR NOW, ALL CURRENT CONCERT AND ADVANCED ORCHESTRA STUDENTS SHOULD REGISTER FOR THE SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA. The Concert Orchestra is for ninth graders and the Advanced Orchestra combines with the Concert Orchestra. The Concert/Advanced Orchestra performs string orchestra literature at a level 3 - 4. Tenth grade string players that are not quite ready for the more difficult literature that the Symphonic Orchestra performs will be placed in the Advanced Orchestra. The Symphonic Orchestra is a full orchestra with winds and percussion. This is our most advanced level group that usually performs music literature at a level 6. There may also be a few 9th graders in this ensemble, but they would have to audition and play at a very advanced level.

Jazz Ensemble - this class is by audition only. Auditions are held in late Jan. or early Feb. Instruments in this ensemble include sax, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, and drums. An audition packet will be made available online in early Jan. Students may register for this class, but will need to audition for acceptance. If a student registers, but does not get accepted, then they will be placed in another music ensemble or course suitable for their instrument and level. Students in Jazz Ensemble must be in the group for both semesters.

IB Music - this class may be taken only by 11th or 12th grade students. It is a one year class that covers music history and theory. Students will need to be taking private lessons on their chosen instrument because they will perform four in-class recitals throughout the year. In addition, students that sign up for this course must also be in an ensemble that is suitable for their instrument. (i. e. - trumpet - play in either band, jazz band, or sym. orch) This class may be taken at either the standard level (SL) or higher level (HL). For more information about this course, please contact me directly.

We encourage all current students to continue their musical experience for next year and to continue honing their skills on their instrument. We also welcome new and returning students into our ensembles. Students that continue developing their skills in the arts and achieve a high level are usually very attractive and favorable for college admissions.

Feel free to contact Marshall White if you have any questions regarding our ensembles or anything pertaining to our music classes.

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