

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"Music is the universal language of mankind" - Longfellow. Careers related to the study of vocal or instrumental music include professional performers, radio and TV announcers, teachers of music, musical sales, composition, technical recording aids, piano tuners, etc.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Wind Ensemble Spartan Varsity Choir Wind Ensem/Varsity Choir Musicals Beginning Guitar	Wind Ensemble Spartan Varsity Choir Wind Ensem/Varsity Choir Musicals Beginning Guitar	Wind Ensemble Spartan Varsity Choir Wind Ensem/Varsity Choir Musicals Beginning Guitar	Wind Ensemble Spartan Varsity Choir Wind Ensem/Varsity Choir Musicals Beginning Guitar

555 **Wind Ensemble**

556 **6 terms** **1 1/2 credits**

557 **Pre:** Participation in Middle School Band or permission of Mr. Hutar

Grade Level: 9 – 12 (recommend and appreciate a 6 term commitment)

Course Summary: This course will consist of rehearsal of standard concert band literature, Pep band Music, Central Lakes Conference Festival, and performance in 3 to 4 concerts. Optional activities include Fall Marching Band, Solo and Ensemble Contest, Pit Orchestra for Musical. Individual and small group lessons will be offered outside of class time to allow students an opportunity for greater musical growth.

565 **Spartan Varsity Choir**

566 **6 terms** **1 1/2 credits**

567 **Pre:** Good Vocal Technique, sight-reading skills, a good attitude toward choir participation and a willingness to learn and read music. If no previous experience with choir exists the student must see Ms. Morford before registering.

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course Summary: This course will provide an in-depth exploration of a variety of musical styles, which span throughout history and across cultural boundaries. Good vocal health, technique and strong music reading skills will be emphasized as well. Concert Choir members will be required to attend all evening concerts and festivals. They will also have the opportunity to participate in solo and ensemble experiences. In addition to daily attendance in choir, a small number of individual voice lessons will also be a part of the course.

571 **Varsity Choir and Wind Ensemble**

572 **6 terms** **1 1/2 credits**

573 **Pre:** Please see the Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble pre-requisite

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course Summary: If you wish to participate in both Band and Choir you should sign up for this course. Please see the separate course descriptions for Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble

574 **Musicals**

1 term **1/4 credit**

Pre: None

Grade Level: 9 -12

Course Summary: We will examine the personal, social, cultural and historical context of musicals. The course will consist of researching the world in which each musical was created. We will then watch the given musical. Finally, we will have an in-depth discussion about what the theme(s) of the musical is. The class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the world of musicals.

575 **Beginning Guitar**

1 term **1/4 credit**

Pre: None

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Course Summary: The class is for anyone who is interested in learning how to play the guitar. Having the ability to read music is not needed. We will start from the very beginning. Along with learning the basics, we will also look at the current options for continuing to teach yourself after the class is completed. The school has a limited number of guitars, if you had your own or could borrow one that would be helpful.