



~VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS~

ART

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

This course involves an investigation into the elements of art; line, texture, color, space, shape, volume. These will be explored through a series of projects geared for individual responses to a given objective. Art history will be an integral part of the progression and investigation. A variety of media will be used with a concentration on developing drawing skills. The second semester expands into an exploration of a variety of media, clay studies and various printmaking techniques, including silk screening and block printing. Students will begin to discover which media best suit their artistic voice.

PAINTING

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

This course is an investigation into paint as a medium. Problem solving projects and study of various painting genres and techniques will be addressed. Projects will vary, but will include painting from life and observation. Both acrylic and watercolor painting will be experienced. The second semester will continue the study of paint as a medium. Students will experience both acrylic and watercolor painting.

CERAMICS

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

This is an introductory course dealing with the elements of art as they apply to three-dimensional constructions in clay. The course will cover basic building and joining techniques, firing processes and glazing. Individual development is encouraged. Evaluation will be based on written work, tests and studio work. Students will have the opportunity to work on the potter's wheel.

DRAMA

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

The class will explore each individual's creative powers through a series of exercises and theater games. Students investigate and appreciate various aspects of theater, such as dance, dance, movement, voice characterization and improvisation. In addition, each student will participate in the spring production by directly being involved in an acting role, or by helping with set design, costume construction and other technical theatrical aspects. As the course progresses, students will be trained in speech and vocal development.

ADVANCED BAND

Two Semesters Grades 9-12

PREREQUISITES: Previous experience & Instructor approval.

Advanced Band is a class that performs concert band and symphonic winds literature from a variety of musical genres. The course also gives the students rudimentary knowledge of music theory, scales, etc. Band rehearses daily and performs concerts in the winter and spring and at various school events throughout the year, including all home football games in the fall. The Band also participates in the Festivals of Music Band Competition each spring.

DIGITAL ART & VIDEO PRODUCTION

Two Semesters Grade 12

This course is designed to train students in the art of video/television production. By providing hands-on experience in a television studio and video lab, students will be introduced to all aspects of production from planning and script writing to editing and final production. Students will have the opportunity to experience each of the jobs in the video production process and will be responsible for producing a daily live news broadcast for the school. They will also be required to read and write about television and video production and to document their own interaction with it. Consequently, students will gain a greater appreciation of television as it impacts our culture in general and their lives in particular.

AP STUDIO ART

Two Semesters Grades 10-12

PREREQUISITES: Art or Painting and instructor approval.

This is a rigorous college-level portfolio class that emphasizes quality of student work, concentration on a particular visual interest or problem, and breadth of experience in the artist's formal, technical and expressive means. Students will understand art as an ongoing process, investigate formal and conceptual issues, develop technical skills and use critical thinking and decision-making skills. Portfolios are expected to show a fundamental competence and range of understanding in visual concerns and methods.