Fine Arts Courses

ART

Visual art classes are taught for Lower School and Middle School. Through visual art classes, students learn a variety of concepts such as shape, color, line, composition, and texture. Visual art classes include drawing, watercolor and oil painting, ceramics, photography, pottery, computer art, wax painting, weaving, carving, etching, charcoal sketching, and portraiture. Student art work is showcased throughout the school campus.

BAND

Band is offered to students in grades four through eight. Instruments within the band include flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. The Middle School Band consistently receives high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Bandmasters Association. Jazz Combo is offered to Middle School students after school. Jazz Band is offered to Middle School students by audition only.

CHORUS

Chorus is offered to students in grades two through eight, by audition only. “Cool Cats” Chorus is offered to students in grades two and three. Concert Choir is offered to students in grades four and five. Middle School Chorus is offered to students in grades six through eight. Chorus members learn literature in a variety of languages and participate in performances such as the Grandparents’ Day Show, the Boca Raton Holiday Parade, and the Spring Musical. Through chorus participation, students learn vocal technique, music reading, tone production, breath control, and other musical elements. The Middle School Chorus consistently receives high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Vocal Association.

DANCE

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade two participate in a required “Movement to Music” class each week. Through Movement to Music, students learn a variety of skills, such as locomotor movement, non-locomotor movement, hand-eye coordination, gross motor movement, and rhythmic movement to music. Dance classes are open to students in grade three through eight, with students in grades four through eight being eligible to participate in the spring ballet production. Students in grades three through eight learn a variety of styles including: ballet, tap, jazz, pointe, modern, and hip hop. Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight can participate in the after-school dance program which concludes with a Spring Showcase performance.

DRAMA

Drama classes are offered after school to students in grades kindergarten through eight. Students participating in the drama program learn acting skills, audition technique, dialogue development, character analysis, sound and lighting systems, stage combat, and costume design. The director works in conjunction with grade-level teachers to prepare stories, plays, puppet shows, and other performances. Drama students produce shows such as the Spring Musical, Thanksgiving Show, and Holiday Program.

GENERAL MUSIC

General music is required for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through five. Through general music classes, students learn a variety of musical skills and concepts such as melody, harmony, rhythm, form, expression, texture, and timbre. Students learn these skills through movement, reading, singing, and playing instruments. General music students participate in school shows, such as Kindergarten Fall Fun Day and Community Building Assemblies.
LESSONS

Lessons are available for students in the band program, chorus program, orchestra program, and piano program. Small group lessons (three to five students) are available for $18 per student per lesson. Semi-private lessons are available for $28 per student per lesson. Private lessons are available for $45 per student per lesson.

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra is offered to students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight. Instruments within the orchestra include violin, viola, cello, and bass. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade five all have a grade-level group string performance, while the students in Middle School Orchestra present concerts at two times during the year. The Middle School Orchestra consistently receives high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Orchestral Association.

PIANO

Piano instruction is offered for students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students have the option of participating in an introductory piano class. Lessons are offered to students in grades Kindergarten through eight. Through piano lessons, students learn warm-ups, technical exercises, music theory, and repertoire. Students have the opportunity to perform at recitals and other school functions throughout the year.

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