

# performing arts

## Symphonic Orchestra Semester

The intermediate instrumental music program is the link providing transition between the introductory skills in the elementary school and the more highly developed performance-intensive program found in high school. Students will be provided with a study of music encompassing greater depth both technically and musically.

## Prairie Voices

Open to all 7/8 students, Prairie Voices further develops breathing techniques for singing, vocal tone quality, musicianship, expressive singing skills, creativity, and teamwork. As we explore various styles, we work on vocal technique and music reading.

## Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble is an intermediate ensemble which is a continuation of the concepts and skills introduced in (5%) Jazz Lab. This ensemble is open to any instrument.

## Vocal Skills

Open to all 7/8 students, this class is for students interested in further developing their voices in the specific style of musical theatre singing. Students will experience an introduction and exploration of music and movement in a variety of pieces from the American musical theatre genre.

## Theatre

7/8 Theatre focuses on developing dramatic and comedic presentation skills, through movement, speech dance, and improvisation. Students will perform selected material at a final semester showcase.

## Spring Play

Students will work on a One-Act Play that will be performed at the end of the semester for an audience. All rehearsals will be in class, except for one after school dress rehearsal and an evening performance.

## Video Production

This course focuses on the building blocks of video production. By the end of this course, each student will have begun their own professional-grade portfolio.

## Musical Theatre Experience Semester

Students with a strong interest in performance combine their talents in technical theatre and musical cast to present a 7/8 musical.

**MUSICAL CAST:** progress from auditions to song preparation to stage blocking/choreography to memorized performance. Students in the cast *must* be available for performances on November 21, 22, and 23.

**TECHNICAL THEATRE:** designs, builds, and paints the set and handles most of the lighting and stage management requirements.

## The Art of Theatre

Open to all students, The Art of Theatre will offer an opportunity for exploration in how theatre professionals collaborate. We will explore the areas of acting, directing, design, text analysis and character study to learn how to bring a play to life.

## Dance Basics- Hip Hop

This high-energy class infuses the latest styles of street and social dancing, musicality and rhythm. This class will encourage students to step outside of the box by bringing their own individual style and personality to the movements. Hip hop dance is aerobic and requires students to have the strength and stamina to successfully perform moves.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Wisconsin School Music Association

District Music Contest

Exceptional 7th and 8th grade music students are eligible for the WSMA Contest. For more information about the contest, visit [www.wsmamusic.com](http://www.wsmamusic.com).

## Extra-Curricular

Private Music Lessons

Is your student ready to take their music-making to the next level? Please visit the Prairie Website, under Arts to find the Private Lesson Teacher page for teacher contact and bio information.

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