



Middle School Performing Arts Offerings 2022-2023

GRADE 6

Music

Prairie Singers - Yearlong

Open to all 6th Grade singers, Prairie Singers helps students to develop their voices, musicianship, creativity, and teamwork. As we explore various styles, we work on vocal technique and music reading. Prairie Singers occasionally combine with Prairie Voices for winter and spring performances. Members of Prairie Singers can also participate in the March WSMA (Wisconsin School Music Association) District Music Solo and Ensemble Festival in March.

Intermediate Band - Yearlong

The Intermediate Band is a continuation of many of the performance-based skills introduced in the Beginning Band class. Students with at least one year of experience on their chosen instrument are enrolled in Intermediate Band. Students enrolled in the intermediate instrumental music program will develop concepts and techniques that will be further developed in the Symphonic Orchestra. The Intermediate Band participates in the winter Tunes and Treats concert, the spring Finale concert, as well as, the spring Concert in the Park.

Intermediate Strings - Yearlong

The Intermediate Strings class continues the basic skills and techniques learned in Beginning Strings. Students with previous experience playing a string instrument and reading music are also welcome to join Intermediate Strings. Focus is put on strong ensemble playing and musical interpretation. The Intermediate Strings participate in the winter Tunes and Treats, the spring Finale concert, as well as, the spring Concert in the Park.

Theatre

Beginning Theatre

Students will be introduced to the world of theatre and performance. We will move through units of theatre vocabulary, improvisational acting games, creating characters, and scene study. Students will study multiple types of acting, such as puppetry, masks, and physical acting styles.

Musical Cast (S2)

Students with a strong interest in music and theatre work towards the performance of a kids or junior musical production. Students progress from auditions to song preparation to stage blocking/choreography to memorized performance. Students in the cast *must* be available for all scheduled performances. Minimal after-school rehearsals will be a required part of participation in this class.

GRADES 7 & 8

Music

Symphonic Band - Yearlong

The Symphonic Band is the link providing transition between the introductory skills in the Beginning and Intermediate Ensembles and the more highly developed performance-intensive program found in high school. Students with a wide variety of ability levels and interests will be enrolled in the 7/8 instrumental music program. The program continues to stress the pedagogical aspects initiated in the beginning and intermediate courses. In addition, students will be provided with a study of music encompassing greater depth both technically and musically. Many aspects of student development, such as individual responsibility, self-discipline, goal setting, and the ability to work with others will be emphasized. Performance opportunities, including evening concerts, master classes, clinics, and festivals will be provided - achieving a balance between pedagogy and performance. The Symphonic Band participates in Ardent Arts, the Jubilate concert, as well as the spring Finale concert.

String Ensemble - Yearlong

The String Ensemble is the link providing transition between the introductory skills in the Beginning and Intermediate Ensembles and the more highly developed performance-intensive program found in high school. Students with a wide variety of ability levels and interests will be enrolled in the 7/8 instrumental music program. The program continues to stress the pedagogical aspects initiated in the beginning and intermediate courses. In addition, students will be provided with a study of music encompassing greater depth both technically and musically. Many aspects of student development, such as individual responsibility, self-discipline, goal-setting, and the ability to work with others will be emphasized. Performance opportunities, including evening concerts, master classes, clinics, and festivals will be provided - achieving a balance between pedagogy and performance. The String Ensemble participates in Ardent Arts, the Jubilate concert, as well as the spring Finale concert.

Prairie Voices - Yearlong

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. Prairie Voices occasionally combine with Prairie Singers for December and May performances. Members of this ensemble can also participate in the March WSMA District Music Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Theatre

Musical Cast (S1)

Students with a strong interest in music and theatre work towards the performance of a full musical production. Students progress from auditions to song preparation to stage blocking/choreography to memorized performance. Students in the cast *must* be available for all

scheduled performances. After school rehearsals will be a required part of participation in this class. *Tentative performance dates: November 17, 18, and 19, 2022.*

Performance - Play Cast (S2)

Students will work on a one-act play that will be performed at the end of the semester for an audience. Students will be assigned a role in the play and rehearse for the final production. All rehearsals will be in class, except for one after school dress rehearsal and an evening performance.

Intermediate Theatre

Intermediate Theatre focuses on the study of comedic and dramatic acting, utilizing voice, body, and face, to create interesting characters. Students will explore improvisational acting, scene study, movement based acting, and self-expression. Additionally, students will learn a variety of acting techniques through scripted scenes and originally created material. Students will perform selected material at a final semester showcase.