

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

732MXCHO MIXED CHORUS (All)

SEM 1 or 2 .5 credit

Prerequisite: Ability to match pitch; ability to sing simple vocal warm-ups

The purpose of this course is to provide an educational, enriching, and enjoyable study of music through singing. Techniques of music and tone production are learned while performing a wide variety of styles and periods of choral repertoire. This group performs at concerts and events both within and outside of the school. **Proficient pianists are desired.**

Student Activities: Learning music and singing daily; opportunities for contest and festival participation.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, homework and tests.

741CADBAND CADET BAND (All)

SEM 1 .5 credit

Prerequisite: Must either own or rent an instrument. Instruments can be rented for a monthly charge from Nottleman's Music Store (314-631-1486). If the desired instrument is available at Althoff, students can rent from the school for the same monthly charge.

This course is for anyone who would like to learn to play a band instrument or improve skills in order to join the Concert Band. It involves a combination of group lessons and individualized instruction with possible performance possibilities.

Student Activities: Learning to read music and apply it to a musical instrument.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, some homework and tests.

742CONBAND CONCERT BAND (All)

SEM 1 or 2 .5 credit

Prerequisite: Ability to read music and proficiency on a musical instrument. Students must either own or rent an instrument. Instruments can be rented for a monthly charge from Nottleman's Music Store (314-631-1486). If the desired instrument is available at Althoff, students can rent from the school for the same monthly charge.

This course provides an opportunity for those who are proficient on their band instruments to play in a performing group and to improve individual ability by performing a variety of styles of band repertoire. The band performs at concerts and events both within and outside of school.

Student Activities: Improving musical understanding and ability while preparing for performances; opportunities for contest and festival participation.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, homework and tests.

750MAPPS2 MUSIC APPRECIATION (All)

SEM 2 .5 credit

Prerequisite: Experience in any type of musical group (examples: grade school or high school band or choir, church music group, community orchestra, etc.)

This is a one-semester course for anyone who would like to learn more about how music is composed, music theory, and the history of music. Students will learn to listen and analyze music, musical performances, and musical recordings in a new way. Students will also be exposed to different careers in music.

Student Activities: Composition, listening to and analyzing music and musical performances, music theory analysis.

Student Evaluation: Class participation, homework, concert attendance and reflections, projects, tests.

743JZB JAZZ BAND

SEM 1 or 2 .5 credit

Prerequisite: Ability to read music; some proficiency on a musical instrument. **Audition required before the start of the 2012-2013 school year.**

The course provides an opportunity for those who are proficient on their instruments to play in a performing group, and to improve individual ability by performing a variety of styles of jazz repertoire. The band performs at concerts and festivals both within and outside of the school, and also provides Pep Band music for boys' basketball games and some pep rallies. Some school owned instruments are available for use.

Instruments accepted in Jazz Band: Alto Saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, and percussion.

Student Activities: Improving musical understanding and ability while preparing for performances, improvisation practice, opportunities for contest and festival participation.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, homework, and tests.

746GUILTS1 GUITAR ENSEMBLE**SEM 1 or 2****.5 credit**

Prerequisite: Ability to read music and chords. **Students must own their own guitar.**

This course provides an opportunity for students to play in a performing group, and to improve individual ability by performing a variety of styles of Guitar Ensemble repertoire. The group will play at all school concerts.

Instruments accepted in Guitar Ensemble: Acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, auxiliary guitars.

Student Activities: Improving musical understanding and ability while preparing for performances.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, homework, and tests.

747PERES1 PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**SEM 1 or 2****.5 credit**

Prerequisite: Ability to read rhythm. Students must own their own pair of hard mallets, soft mallets, and snare drumsticks.

This course provides an opportunity for students to play in a performing group, and to improve individual ability by performing a variety of styles of Percussion Ensemble repertoire. The group will play a variety of repertoire: concert band music, drumline music, and ensemble music.

Instruments accepted in Percussion Ensemble: Bass, snare, mallet percussion Xylophone, marimba, etc., drum set, auxiliary percussion.

Student Activities: Improving musical understanding and ability while preparing for performances.

Student Evaluation: Class and concert participation, homework, tests.