

MUSIC

BAND

Membership in the Bay Port Band gives students the opportunity to be part of an active, high quality performing group with an excellent reputation. As a member of this group you can also experience numerous performing opportunities, travel, and the thrill of competition; all as a member of one of Bay Port High School's most active and most important groups...the Bay Port High School Band.

8001/8002 SYMPHONIC BAND

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 8th grade band class

Grade: 9

Year/ 1 credit

Symphonic Band is open to all Freshman band students. This ensemble is primarily a “training” ensemble, which emphasizes the development of the individual student’s musical skills.

Requirements of this band include: performing at all home football games, marching at selected parades and selected home football games, performing at all required home basketball and wrestling events, participation in all major concerts and clinics, and attending weekly band lessons.

8011/8012 WIND ENSEMBLE

Prerequisite: Successful audition

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Wind Ensemble is a select group with "excellence as a performing ensemble" being the primary goal. Membership in this group is determined by the band director based on the following criteria:

(1) student musical proficiency, (2) student attitude and behavior, (3) instrumentation needs and/or limitations of the group.

Requirements of this band include: (1) performing at all home football games, (2) marching at selected parades and selected home football games, (3) performing at all required home basketball and wrestling events, (4) participating in all scheduled evening concerts, (5) participating in the Spring WSMA Band Festival and (6) attending weekly morning sectional practices.

In addition, all students selected to Wind Ensemble are expected to: (1) practice regularly and complete all playoff and written assignments accurately and on time, (2) participate actively in Solo and Ensemble Contest (this includes being willing to play as a member of large ensemble entries), (3) participate in "State" Solo and Ensemble Contest with all entries that qualify, (4) participate in those necessary sectional rehearsals that occasionally occur, (5) participate fully in the Summer Band Program, and (6) conduct your self in a mature and quiet manner during all rehearsals.

8021/8022 CONCERT BAND

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 9th grade band class

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

This ensemble is primarily a “training” ensemble to bridge the gap from Symphonic Band to Wind Ensemble and emphasizes the development of the individual student’s musical skills. Requirements of this band include: performing at all home football games, marching at selected parades and selected home football games, performing at all required home basketball and wrestling events, participation in all major concerns and clinics, and attending weekly band lessons.

CHORAL

The choral program offers any student the chance to involve himself/herself in a non-academic area that is challenging and fun, and receive credit for it. All choirs are given group training in reading music and vocal production. Individual training is available to all members. The primary function of the choral program is to give students the chance to express himself/herself in an area everyone has ability in, realizing that while group singing is a fun and worthwhile activity it also is an educational experience. A good degree of perfection is stressed since all groups are performance oriented. Students in choir are expected to purchase shoes and jewelry (this may vary from choir to choir).

8038/8039 CANTUS

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

This choir class is designed for tenor and bass singers whose voices and vocal experiences might not be comparable to those in the more experienced choirs, but have a genuine desire to sing. All that is required is that you have a desire to sing, and the ability to sing in tune and with enthusiasm.

Members of Cantus will participate in the Pops, Mid-Winter, our district music festivals, and Spring Concert. All members of Cantus will receive individual or small group lessons.

8043/8044 CANTARE

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Cantare is open to all soprano and alto singers in grades 9-12. This choir emphasizes the development of the individual student's musical skills through the study of a variety of music and music literacy drills and activities. Members of Cantare will participate in the Women's Choir Festival, Mid-Winter & Spring Concerts, and our District Music Festivals. All members will also receive individual or small group lessons.

8045/8046 BEL CANTO

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Bel Canto is a select chamber choir for soprano and alto singers. The primary focus of this group is performing with excellence. This performing group will challenge singers with difficult literature, musical performances, and additional musical responsibility. Students will continue to develop their vocal technique and music literacy skills. Membership in this group is determined by the choir director based on the following criteria: 1) Student musical proficiency 2) Student attitude and behavior 3) Openings within the ensemble 4) Voice type.

Members of Bel Canto will participate in the Women's Choir Festival, Pop's Concert, Mid-Winter & Spring Concerts and our District Music Festivals. All members will also receive individual or small group lessons.

8071/8072 CONCERT CHOIR

Prerequisite: Director's Approval

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

This is the major treble and bass voice choral group of the school. Students may only sign up for this class with permission from, and/or, audition with the director. Besides the Fall Pops Concert, major activities include Mid-Winter Concert, Spring Concert, District Music Festivals, and on alternative years, a musical or choir trip. Members of this choir sing music of a more advanced nature, and shoulder more responsibilities per individual than do members of the other choirs. Lessons are REQUIRED for all members of this choir.

8081/8082 VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Prerequisite: Director's Approval

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Enrollment is determined by the Choir Directors with many factors besides excellent musicianship, such as attendance, responsibility, dependability, peer and teacher relationships, are considered. Members of Vocal Ensemble will all be vital members of another performing choir, and hence will spend two hours/day in the Choir department.

8053/8054 KAIROS

Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Kairos is a select ensemble for soprano and alto singers whose primary focus is performing with excellence. This performing group will challenge singers with more difficult literature and additional musical responsibility. Students will continue to develop their vocal technique and music literacy skills. Membership in this group is determined by the choir director based on the following criteria: 1) Student musical proficiency 2) Student attitude and behavior 3) Openings within the ensemble 4) Voice type.

Members of Kairos will participate in the Women's Choir Festival, Mid-Winter & Spring Concerts and our District Music Festivals. All members will also receive individual or small group lessons.

ORCHESTRA

The Bay Port Orchestra has grown in talent, size, and reputation in recent years! Recently the orchestra has won auditions and performed at Symphony Center in Chicago, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., and in 2018 the orchestra performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2021, the Orchestra will perform at the Beethoven Festival in Vienna, Austria at the Musikverein to celebrate Beethoven's 251st birthday. Repertoire studied includes the classics (of course), but also pop music, rock music, folk music, ethnic music.... you name it. We pride ourselves in our diverse repertoire and in finding something to motivate everyone. Whatever your skill level, you are welcome in one of our orchestras! **Come make music with us!**

8031/8032 STRING ORCHESTRA

Prerequisite: None! However, if you've never played contact Ms. Nowak

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Bay Port has three string orchestra sections, to accommodate schedules and instrumentation. We welcome all levels in our string orchestras! If you are coming from another district, or are new to an instrument, make sure you contact Ms. Nowak prior to the start of the semester (email is best). The string orchestra plays music from all genres. Requirements of this group include participation in all major concerts and activities. If you have not auditioned for Chamber Orchestra, you should register for String Orchestra. If an audition places you in Chamber Orchestra we will notify you and change your schedule.

8036/8037 CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Prerequisite: Audition only

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Year/ 1 credit

Chamber orchestra is offered by audition only. This orchestra is limited to 38 members. There are extra performances and higher demands in this group, (but also extra fun and opportunities). To be considered for placement in chamber orchestra make sure you contact Ms. Nowak to arrange an audition.