



**CLAYTON
HIGH SCHOOL**

Freshman Offerings for Performing Arts

BAND STUDENTS – Current 8th grade Symphonic Band students should enroll in CHS Concert band for your freshman year. Email alyssaovermann@claytonschoools.net for any questions.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE – yes, it is a full credit class offered before school from 7:25-8:05 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday every week. This is by audition, and you must be in another performing arts class as a prerequisite. All Jazz Ensemble & Instrumental Jazz Band students who are interested will rehearse collectively during the first two weeks of school. Then an audition will be held and students will be placed either in Instrumental Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Band. Please email alyssaovermann@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

JAZZ BAND – a ½ credit class offered before school from 7:25-8:05 a.m. on Tuesday & Friday every week. This is a great learning environment for those interested in playing Jazz and serves as a training group for the Jazz Ensemble. This is also a great place for those woodwind or brass players interested in learning a second instrument as well as up and coming guitarists, bass guitarists and pianists. Please email jennifershenberger@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

ORCHESTRA STUDENTS - Concert Orchestra is open to all interested students who are experienced string players in grades 9-12. Any student from freshman through senior is welcome to audition for the Symphonic orchestra, which meets only one period a day. Students will only be accepted by audition, which will be held in the next few weeks for 8th graders. Current 8th grade students have been given audition materials. Please email danielhenderson@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

CHOIR STUDENTS – Current 8th grade students should enroll in CHS Concert Choir for their freshman year. Concert Choir members perform on all three choir concerts in addition to the end-of-year graduation ceremony. Concert Choir students are eligible to audition for Show Choir, which meets from 7:25–8:05 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday each week. Show Choir is a full credit class. Please email danielhenderson@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

DRAMA STUDENTS - Theater Arts is a class focusing on collaborative creation, movement and vocal production. Theater Arts may be scheduled opposite a lab or learning center class. Freshmen may take Acting I which is a text based performance class. Students may sign up for Freshmen/Sophomore Play as a credit class. Freshmen are encouraged to audition for Fall Play, the Winter Musical and the Student Run Musical in the Spring. If you or your child has any questions please feel free to email or give me a call. kellyweber@claytonschoools.net, 854-6750.

Other offerings:

Guitar 1 (fall semester) & **Guitar 2** (spring semester)-learn how to play the guitar! Email noahpetti@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

Piano Class - learn how to play the piano! Email danielhenderson@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions.

Electronic music 1 (fall semester) & **Electronic music 2** (spring semester)-learn how to create music using computer software! Email sophiebrowning@claytonschoools.net if you have any questions!

Other notes:

Any student who is enrolled in band, choir and orchestra may audition for Vocal Jazz Ensemble/Show Choir or jazz ensemble/jazz band, which is zero hour.

COMMON MYTHS:

Myth #1- I can't be in both band & football. FACT – Yes, you can be in both. We exempt varsity football players from being in pep band for football season. You can participate in ANY sports & performing arts classes.

Myth #2 – I won't be able to get all of my academic required credits completed if I stay in any performing arts group. FACT – Yes, you will. If you have any problems scheduling, please contact any of our performing arts faculty. There are numerous creative ways we can work with the counselors to help figure out scheduling issues. We have many students who have graduated each year with multiple fine arts credits.

Myth #3 – I can't be in band/choir, etc because I've got Learning Center. FACT – Learning Center is not necessary for every freshman. If you feel there is a need for your child to be involved with the Learning Center, yet they want to participate in the Performing Arts, please contact danielhenderson@claytonschoools.net. There are many creative ways to schedule students that allow them to participate.