
COURSE DESCRIPTION**Subject: JAZZ BAND****Grade: 7 – 8****OVERVIEW:**

Jazz Band is a class for selected students that meet two days a week for an entire year. The class is designed and intended for students that have an advanced understanding of musical notation, as well as an advanced playing ability. The focus of the Jazz Band class is to perform various styles of music (ranging anywhere from jazz standards to popular), while also building upon and expanding their musical knowledge by introducing them to more advanced rhythms, articulation, dynamics, notations, meters, chord structures and improvisation.

BIBLICAL INTERGRATION:

1. "Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments." - I Chronicles 15:28
2. "The priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord...and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord..." -Ezra 3:10-11

UNIT DESCRIPTION:

1. NOTATION AND METERS: Understanding how to read the notes and keep a basic beat.
2. CHORD STRUCTURES: Understanding the specific order of the chords and scales that fit within them
3. ARTICULATION, DYNAMICS, ACCIDENTALS, AND TEMPOS: Understanding the musical symbols that help create a certain audible expression
4. IMPROVISATION: Using the chord structures and other learned techniques to create improvised solos within a song
5. PERFORMANCE: Taking all the learned musical concepts and expressing them in a prepared song

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Musical instrument

Musical accessories (i.e. valve oil, cork grease, reeds, drum sticks)

TEACHER MATERIALS:

Various music selections