

## ELECTIVES 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Band (year-long course)**

**Jazz Band:** Zero period band for students interested in jazz music. A successful audition is required to participate in Jazz Band. Jazz band students must be in Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble.

**Wind Ensemble:** Band for 7th and 8th grade students with two or more years of playing experience. A successful audition is required to participate in Wind Ensemble.

**Symphonic Band:** For students who have one or two years of playing experience. No audition is necessary to be in Symphonic Band.

**Prep Band:** Band for students who have never played an instrument before. Beginners may choose to play flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone. No audition is necessary to be in Prep Band.

### **Choir (year-long course)**

**Chorus-Bella Voce:** This show choir is an audition, girls only performance ensemble for 7th and 8th graders. The course goal is prepare students with performance, vocal, music theory, sight-singing and general musicianship skills allowing students to succeed in Encore, Troubadours or high school ensembles. A successful audition is required to participate in Bella Voce and the class is limited to 50 students.

**Chorus-Encore:** This choir is audition only ensemble. The course goal is to prepare students with performance, vocal, music theory and general musicianship skills allowing singers to succeed in Troubadours. A successful audition is required to participate in Encore and is limited to 65 students.

### **General (semester course as part of the Elective Rotation)**

**Drama:** This class is an introduction to theater. In the semester-long class students will acquire lifelong theater skills (listening, interpreting, theater manners), develop a confidence in speaking to audiences, prepare and present a proficient performance, understand theater in all media formats, compare and contrast live theater, film, and television, and learn to enjoy and appreciate theatrical performances.

**Quest:** This semester class focuses on how to deal with the many challenges faced by today's middle school student. Topics include: how to improve self-confidence, successful goal making, managing stress, and knowing the risks associated with alcohol and drugs.

**Technology:** This course is designed to help students strengthen their 21<sup>st</sup> century technology skills. Students will use the features of Google Classroom, and continue work on their typing skills. Students will learn how to create simple graphics, animate simple objects, create videos using a green screen, and capture and edit video and photos.