

## **Fine Arts**

### **Concert Choir (offered 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> only)**

Concert Choir is a non-auditioned, full-year boys' and girls' chorus of seventh and eighth grade students. Students develop proper vocal technique, learn to read music, sing a varied repertoire of vocal literature, and learn performance technique through a variety of performance experiences. Students will strive for excellence in both musical endeavors and personal character. Designated performance apparel is required.

### **Orchestra (offered 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>)**

The beginning and intermediate level strings class is a non-auditioned, full-year class which includes students who are new to our school or have never played a stringed instrument. The class moves from individualized teaching to more of a group approach by the first concert. There are opportunities for solo and small ensemble. Practice outside of school hours is not required, but strongly encouraged. In the middle school advanced strings course students audition and placement is based on teacher approval. There are opportunities for solo and small ensemble performances as well. Practice outside of school hours is required.

### **Introduction to Music (offered 6<sup>th</sup> only)**

Introduction to Music is a brief survey of the many facets of the music around us. Students learn to sing, sign, and read basic music using the Solfege system. A variety of musical instruments are used in class from a xylophone to a recorder.