



Rocky Hill High School *Music Department*

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SYMPHONIC BAND MU 802/803

LEVEL 2/1 (F/S) GRADES 9-12

½ CREDIT per Semester

The Symphonic Band is loosely defined as an ensemble consisting of winds of percussion and based on fixed Instrumentation. Repertoire for this ensemble generally includes original works for wind band as well as transcriptions of keyboard, vocal, and orchestral music. Students will develop musical literacy through performance on an instrument, and will study basic concepts of music theory and music history. Two years of study on a band instrument is highly recommended although not required. Any student interested in joining the Symphonic Band who has no prior experience performing on a band instrument must arrange for an interview/audition with the director of bands prior to enrollment. This course meets five days a week and the level of instruction may be upgraded from general level to honors level on an individual basis if a student meets all requirements. Students interested in participating in Symphonic Band should also consider signing up for Marching Band.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE MU 850

LEVEL 2/1 (FY) GRADES 10-12

1 CREDIT Full Year Class

The Jazz Ensemble is an advanced instrumental course dealing with the performance and stylistic aspects of American Jazz and other related musical styles. Students will develop musical literacy through performance on an instrument and will study basic concepts of music theory, jazz history, listening analysis, instrumental techniques, and solo/improvisation. The instrumentation of this ensemble is set to the specifications of a traditional big band, which traditionally uses the following instrumentation: alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano/keyboards, guitar, bass guitar, drum set, auxiliary percussion. Any student interested in this course must audition for the director of bands at the end of the spring semester prior to the year of desired enrollment. This course meets five days a week and the level of instruction may be upgraded from general level to honors level on an individual basis if a student meets all requirements.

MARCHING BAND MU 806/809

LEVEL 2 (F/S) GRADES 9-12

½ CREDIT per Semester

The Rocky Hill School Royal Blues Marching Band is an ensemble constructed of wind instruments, percussion instruments, and color guard. In this course, students will further develop musical/visual performance technique as well as physical well-being in a competitive and athletic setting. All members of this ensemble are responsible for memorizing several pieces of band music, stand cheers, and all visual design work for the field show and parades. Two years of study on a band instrument is highly recommended although not required. Any student interested in joining the marching band who has no prior experience performing on a band instrument must arrange for an interview with the director of bands prior to enrollment. The course requires participation in evening and weekend rehearsals and performances. Students must be taking the required number of courses for their grade level in order to enroll. Please note: Students must be enrolled in this course prior to July 1st for the upcoming fall semester.

CONCERT CHOIR MU 812/813

LEVEL 2/1 (F/S) GRADES 9-12

½ CREDIT per Semester

This course is designed for any student who has an interest in vocal music, both in training and performance. The student is given vocal training and instruction in the reading of unison and part music in both accompanied and a cappella music of various periods and styles. Students will participate in all rehearsals and are required to attend all performances of the group. Concert Choir meets five days a week. The level of instruction may be upgraded to honors if the instructor feels the talent, effort, and leadership of the student merit this increase.

CHORALE MU 820

LEVEL 2/1 (FY) GRADES 10-12

1 CREDIT Full Year Class

Chorale is an intermediate select ensemble for girls. Emphasis is placed on the performance of a cappella and accompanied music covering a variety of genres and styles. In addition, students will study basic concepts of music theory and music history. Students are expected to take part in all performances. Chorale meets five days a week and the level of instruction may be upgraded to honors if the instructor feels the talent, effort, and leadership of the student merit this increase.

CHAMBER CHOIR MU 826

LEVEL 2/1 (FY) GRADES 10-12

1 CREDIT Full Year Class

Chamber Choir is an advanced ensemble whose members are selected by audition in the spring prior to Fall enrollment. Emphasis is placed on the performance of a cappella vocal music, both secular and sacred, covering a variety of music genres and styles. In addition, students will study basic concepts of music theory and music history. Students are expected to take part in all performances. Chamber Choir meets five days a week. The level of instruction may be upgraded to honors if the instructor feels the talent, effort, and leadership of the student merit this increase.

STRING ORCHESTRA

MU 880

LEVEL 2/1 (FY) GRADES 9-12

1 CREDIT Full Year Class

String Orchestra is an ensemble consisting of members who play a string instrument. Instruments typically included in string orchestra repertoire are the violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Repertoire for this ensemble will span from various historical periods such as Baroque, Classical, and Romantic as well as Contemporary, Jazz, and Pop. In addition, students will study basic concepts of music theory and music history. Students will have the opportunity to audition for Connecticut Regional and State music festivals. Previous study of a string instrument is required. Any student interested in joining the string orchestra who has prior experience performing on a string instrument must arrange for an audition with the director prior to enrollment. This course meets five (5) days a week. The level of instruction may be upgraded to Honors on an individual basis if the director feels the student meets all the requirements of level promotion and approval has been granted by the director.