Fine Arts Courses

**ART**

Visual art classes are taught for Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School. Through visual art classes, students learn a variety of concepts such as shape, color, line, composition, and texture. Visual art activities may include drawing, watercolor and oil painting, ceramics, photography, pottery, graphics, weaving, carving, etching, charcoal sketching, and portraiture. Student art work is showcased throughout the school campus, and select works are entered in community venues and in art competition. Upper School students are offered AP art classes.

**BAND**

Band is offered to students in grades four through twelve. Instruments within the band include flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. The Middle and Upper School Bands consistently receive high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Bandmasters Association. Students perform in concert on and off campus. Jazz Band is offered to Upper School by audition only. Lessons are available for all band instruments. Select students may perform with District and State Honor Bands.

**CHORUS**

Chorus is offered to students in grades two through twelve. Chorus members learn literature in a variety of languages and participate in performances such as the Winter and Spring concerts, Florida Vocal Association assessments, and choral festivals. Through chorus participation, students learn vocal technique, music reading, tone production, breath control, and other musical elements. Choirs have consistently received high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Vocal Association.

**DANCE**

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade two participate in a required Movement class each week. These students learn a variety of skills, such as locomotor movement, non-locomotor movement, hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills, and rhythmic movement to music. Dance classes are open to students in grade three through twelve, with many students participating in the annual ballet productions. Students in grades three through twelve focus on ballet as the fundamental dance style. Ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary styles are also offered after school.

**DRAMA**

Lower School Drama classes are offered after school to students in grades two through five. Students participating in the drama program may learn acting skills, audition technique, dialogue development, character analysis, sound and lighting systems, stage combat, and costume design. Students in Middle and Upper School may choose to participate in their division’s fall play or spring musical. Drama Club, The International Thespian Society, and workshops and competitions all offer additional opportunities for dramatic expression.

**GENERAL MUSIC**

General music is required for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through five. Through general music classes, students learn a variety of musical skills and concepts such as melody, harmony, rhythm, form, expression, texture, and timbre. Students learn these skills through movement, reading, singing, and playing instruments. General music students participate in grade level performances and school shows, such as Kindergarten Fall Fun Day and Community Building Assemblies.
Lessons are arranged with the program instructor. Students learn warm-ups, technical exercises, music theory, and repertoire. Students have the opportunity to perform at recitals and other school functions throughout the year.

Orchestra is offered to students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through twelve. Instruments within the orchestra include violin, viola, cello, and bass. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade five all have a grade-level group string performance, while the students in Middle and Upper School Orchestra present concerts at two times during the year. The Middle and Upper School Orchestra consistently receive high ratings at events sponsored by the Florida Orchestral Association.

DEBATE/FORENSICS

Students may elect to participate in our Debate and Forensics events. Faculty will instruct students in a variety of styles and students will participate in state and national events such as the Crestian Classic, hosted by Pine Crest School.

PIANO

Piano instruction is offered for students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students have the option of participating in introductory piano classes. Through piano lessons, students learn warm-ups, technical exercises, music theory, and repertoire. Students have the opportunity to perform at recitals and other school functions throughout the year.

Lessons are available for students in the band program, chorus program, orchestra program, and piano program. Students may take a private lesson (one teacher, one student), a semi-private lesson (one teacher, two students), or a group lesson (one teacher, three or more students). Lessons are arranged with the program instructor.

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