

## **Related Arts Descriptions**

### **Year long**

**Band**: is a yearlong class that advances in skill levels each grade level. In 6th grade students learn the foundations of playing their instrument, and foundations for playing in an ensemble. In 7th and 8th grade we add more complex rhythms, increase the range of notes, and attend a concert festival. Students have the choice of playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion.

**Chorus**: helps students become better singers, how to read music, learn about music history, music technology, and many other musical concepts. When you are a member of a chorus, you learn to work together as a TEAM.

**Orchestra**: is a yearlong class that advances in skill levels each grade level. In 6th grade students learn the foundations of playing their instrument, and foundations for playing in an ensemble. In 7th grade we add more complex rhythms and increase the range of notes that we play in. In 8th grade we increase it further and add more advanced skills such as vibrato. Students have the choice of playing Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass.

**Yearbook (\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)**- Design the theme, layout, and content of the HVMS yearbook. Students will be responsible for meeting deadlines, working as part of a team, and showing their creativity. Must be willing to offer and accept critique. By application only. Applications will be available in April.

### **Quarter long/ 9 weeks**

**Art Survey**: is a basic art class with introductions to painting, drawing, clay, and other traditional art materials and techniques.

**Media Arts**: is 90% photography and 10% digital drawing and graphic design. All artwork is digital.

**Health and Safety**: introduction to basic knowledge and skills needed to establish healthy living habits, personal healthcare, and availability of community resources.

PE: Our PE philosophy is to promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills (i.e, personal/social responsibility, respect, communication, accountability,etc.) through physical activity. Students are exposed to many activities which include team sports, net activities as well as lifetime fitness to encourage a healthy lifestyle. PE at HVMS is designed for any and all students to help develop them into upstanding citizens regardless of their ability.

STEM Explorers: is a course intended to introduce students to various fields in STEM. Students learn about aspects of engineering and the careers associated with them before applying them in hands-on activities.

Computer Science: helps students develop skills necessary for success in other classes through practice and then preparation of real-life technology-based projects. This course covers topics such as problem solving, programming, physical computing, user centered design, and data, while inspiring students as they build their own websites, apps, animations, games, and physical computing systems.

### **Semester Long**

Advanced Art: where students can advance their art skills, no matter their current level of experience. They will explore a number of art materials and create personally meaningful, original artworks. Media include drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, fibers, clay, and sculpture. The focus is on the creative process, in which students explore, plan, make, and reflect on art.

PE: Same description as above but offered at 18 weeks instead of 9.

Chorus (\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only): Same description as above, but can take chorus as a semester option instead of year long.

Robotics/Career Exploration: Introduction to robotics consists of the careers involved, components of robots, how robots are utilized, coded and built.