

Music

The Ensemble Players Credit 1.00 Year F/SO/J/S

The Mercy High School Ensemble Players is a unique instrumental ensemble, which showcases all of our students who play wind, brass, string, and percussion instruments. This ensemble is open to anyone who wishes to continue their study of their musical instrument as well as those who have a base knowledge of music and would like to learn how to play an instrument. In addition to performances during the school year, the Ensemble Players have opportunity to perform during our school liturgies, participate in the Footlighters production's pit band, and perform in other events within the community. Participation at the winter and spring concerts, both the evening AND in school performance, are a required and graded performance.

Madrigals Credit 1.00 Year F/SO/J/S

The Mercy Madrigals is our performing vocal group that is open to anyone who wishes to continue their study of vocal music as well as those who have little to no experience singing in a choir but just love to sing! Students will have the opportunity to study and perform various types of choral music including classical, gospel, Broadway, pop, and spiritual music. In addition to performances during the school year, the Madrigal Singers have opportunities to perform during our school liturgies and other events within the community. Participation at the winter and spring concerts, both the evening AND in school performance, are a required and graded performance.

Introduction to Music Credit .50 Year F/SO/J/S

In this course, an introduction to music is studied which includes pitch, melody, rhythm, texture, and instruments. Through text, recordings, and videos, the class will gain an understanding of both the basics of musical construction and the important roles music plays in the lives of people throughout the world.

Piano Class Credit .50 Semester 1 and/or 2 F/SO/J/S**

This course is designed for students who wish to develop basic piano playing skills, or expand on their existing skills. Time in class will be spent both on and off the keyboards. While playing, students will be working individually and in small groups to master the techniques of playing. There will also be time spent in group instruction on musical notation and theory. The purpose of this course is to develop a strong foundation of work habits and basic skills. The course is designed to increase in difficulty with repeated registration.