

# **7th Grade Year-Long Elective Courses**

(A year-long course is the entire school year or 36 weeks).

**Some year-long courses may be offered only one period in the day and may conflict with other elective choices. Year-long courses will take priority in scheduling for electives. You will be contacted and asked to make a choice if a conflict arises.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND**

**Prerequisite:** One year's experience playing a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument.

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND is for intermediate level student musicians with a primary emphasis on continued skill development, tone quality, music reading skills, and overall musicianship. Students are required to perform in at least four concerts during the school year. **Expenses:** All percussionists pay a fee per semester. Contact the director regarding rental availability of larger WIND instruments; students provide their own smaller WIND instruments.

## **STRING ORCHESTRA** (Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass)

This class focuses on varied levels of playing skills and ensemble experience. Students participate in several performances each year. Performances and individual practice are important grade requirements. Anyone who wishes to **begin** learning a string instrument should consult the teacher before beginning the school session. **Expenses:** Contact the director regarding rental availability of larger instruments; students provide their own smaller instruments.

## **CONCERT CHOIR**

This course may be taken for the entire year OR for one semester only.

Concert Choir is an exciting class for experienced, as well as, inexperienced singers. Learn about good singing techniques, different styles of music, and basic music reading. Have fun learning about and making music with your friends, in a relaxing class with minimal homework.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Important: In order to be successful in a world language class, it is recommended that students be making a grade of A or B in Reading and Writing at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**1A** courses are designed for students who have no previous experience in World Languages. Students will learn the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the language and will be exposed to the culture of the people(s) who speak the language. Students will learn these four skills through various activities such as partner work, games, projects, singing, and more! Students need to understand that studying outside of class is encouraged to enhance their enjoyment and full understanding of the language. Come explore the exciting world of languages at SGMS!!

The World Language Department teachers would be glad to consult with parents and students about the advantages of starting the study of a World Language at the middle school age. **In addition, parents and students should be aware that if students wish to reach the Advanced Placement level in any World Language by their senior year of high school, their study of the language must start in 7th grade.**

**FRENCH 1A  
GERMAN 1A  
SPANISH 1A**