

### **ART**

Q: Can I be in Art 1 if I don't know how to draw.

A: Of course! Art 1 is the introductory class at the high school and is designed to help students learn multiple forms of art (drawing, painting, ceramics, etc.). Everyone starts somewhere, and the goal of the class is to raise you up from there.

Q: Do I need any supplies to be in Art?

A: Yes, for homework and in-class work you will need your own sketchbook with blank paper, pencils, and color pencils.

### **BAND**

Q: What does the schedule look like during the school year and where can I find it?

A: Typically rehearsals are on Monday and Thursday after school and on Tuesday during the evening. Drumline, color guard, and pit may rehearse at different times with the exception of Tuesdays - that will be communicated by the specific sections. Every Saturday, starting late August, is either an all-day practice or a practice and a competition with the exception of Homecoming. You can find the calendar by going to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) and clicking on Enter/Login and selecting Parent/Student in the dropdown menu. Type in mortonbands (one word) for the password and you will have access to the calendar.

Q: What if I want to be in band but I am unable to participate in marching band?

A: There is a home for everybody in Morton Bands! Our 7th hour Concert Band meets daily during 1st semester. This ensemble is for students that would like to continue playing music but might not be able to participate in marching band during the fall. It is also open to students who would like to learn a new instrument and/or continue their learning during the fall semester.

### **CHOIR**

Q: I like singing but I'm not a good singer. Is Chamber Choir something I should even try?

A; Yes! Everyone in Choir is at varying levels of vocal ability. Some have sung in a group for 3 or 4 years and some have never sung at all. We work to make sure that everyone discovers how best to use and take care of his/her voice both as an individual and as a member of an ensemble.

Q: I'm taking one or more honors courses, and I'm told I need a study hall. Is this true?

A: No, it's not true. The majority of students in Choir do not have a study hall in their schedule, and they manage their workload fine. Mrs. Berger also allows students who occasionally get overwhelmed with other class work to use some class time to get caught up if

they need to. There are lots of other students in Choir who are more than willing to help a classmate with their studies. We are a team!

### **ORCHESTRA**

Q: I'm taking one or more honors courses, and I'm told I need a study hall. Is this true?

A; No, it's not true. Nearly 75% of students in HS Orchestra do not have a study hall in their schedule, and they manage their workload fine. Mr. Getz also allows students with no study hall to have 2-3 Personal Days each concert cycle if they find their school workload to be overwhelming. If you do happen to find the workload overwhelming after the first quarter, Mr. Getz is willing to work with you to make appropriate arrangements for you to succeed both in the classroom and in Orchestra.

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