

# HVMS Rising 6th Grade Information

## *Full-Year Related Arts Class Options:*

**Chorus:** The HVMS Chorus Department links each student's elementary music experience with the HVA Chorus & Musical Theatre Departments. The music teachers (chorus, band, & orchestra) in all three Hardin Valley schools are working together to help our students become better musicians, build self-confidence & develop a sense of belonging in these large schools.

During these middle school years, discovery of self and where you "belong" is a major factor, and we hope that being a member of chorus will help these students navigate through these years of growth & change successfully. Students will not only acquire skills in music education and vocal performance, they will also learn to be more self-confident, committed, and compassionate individuals. Singing helps build self-esteem, reduces stress & anxiety and raises endorphins!

The year-long chorus classes at HVMS are a place for students who enjoy music and singing! In this class, students will learn how to read music and improve their singing voices. Since we meet daily for 45 minutes, we have time to learn and explore other musical areas as well. Students are not required to sing by themselves, but there are many opportunities for solos in the music that we sing.

In addition to the year-long chorus classes, there is an advanced ensemble that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:15am. This is an auditioned group of around 40-50 chorus students who learn more challenging music and have more performing opportunities.

**Band:** 6th grade band is a beginner band class that is designed to allow students to explore instrumental music. This class starts at the very beginning, so no music experience is necessary to be successful in 6th grade band. All preparation is done during the school day and the band will perform four concerts throughout the year.

*Students may choose from the following:*

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Alto Saxophone
- French Horn
- Percussion
- Baritone
- Tuba
- Trumpet

**On May 7th, 8th, and 9th, students and parents are invited to stop by HVMS anytime between 4pm and 6pm for students to try the different instruments to find a good fit.** This is also a great opportunity to talk with your band directors about how to rent an instrument and what is involved in being in the Hardin Valley Band.

Here are just a few of the great reasons to give band a try:

- We start at the very beginning, so you don't need any prior music experience;
- We will teach you how to read music and play your instrument;
- Many national studies have shown that instrumental music helps increase student's test scores;
- Playing in band helps develop life skills like teamwork, self-discipline, and responsibility;
- You get to be in a class where you are supposed to make noise!!

**ART:** Year-long Art Class is a great choice for any student interested in the visual arts. Students need not be exceptionally gifted in art to enjoy this class; they simply need an interest in learning and growing their artistic ability. Students should expect to make artwork each class period and will use a variety of processes and materials, including but not limited to:

- painting - watercolors, tempera, and acrylic
- sculpture - clay, papier-mâché, and mixed media
- drawing - ebony pencil, color pencil, chalk and oil pastel, pens, and sharpies
- printmaking - foam plate and collagraph
- fibers - weaving, sewing, and embroidery

## Clubs:

(Additional details will be communicated after school begins in August)

■ **Drama Club:** An introduction into theatre and the performing arts!

■ **4-H club:** National organization that focuses on developing students in their confidence, practical skills, and interests. 4-H is a U.S.-based network of youth organizations whose mission is "engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development." Meets once a month with a 4-H representative.

■ **NJHS:** The National Junior Honor Society is an international student organization that consists of chapters in middle schools. To be considered for the honor of membership, applicants must reach five standards: leadership, citizenship, character, service, and scholarship. Students must complete 12 community service hours and participate in the HVMS chapter's service project. Students get inducted at the end of their 7th grade year for their 8th grade year.

■ **SGA:** Want to be a part of fun events and make a difference in the culture at HMVS? Join Student Government! Student Government meets once a month and we do different events that help build a positive school culture. SGA also helps build leadership skills, such as communication and team work.

■ **Jazz Band:** An extracurricular ensemble that students have the opportunity to play in during the spring semester. Students learn blues-based music and how to improve on their instrument. Students involved in this group have a lot of fun learning to perform a variety of styles of music. Currently, the jazz band performs towards the end of the year. 6th graders are welcome to join once they have completed a semester of band class. In addition to band instruments, jazz band is a great place for bass guitar, keyboard, and drumset players.

■ **Winterguard:** The HVMS Prep Winterguard is a competitive performing group that utilizes similar skills to the high school colorguard that you might see performing with the band on Friday nights. The winterguard usually practices two days a week and competes on Saturdays throughout the spring semester at competitions hosted by the East Tennessee Performing Arts Association. Students interested in dancing and performing should check out this group! The winterguard is open to any student in 6th-8th grade and no experience is necessary!

■ **Math Club:** The Math Club is for students who want to see the fun side of math through problem solving and playing games, with an end goal of developing students' math skills and knowledge. Anyone and everyone can join!

■ Yearbook Club: The Yearbook club allows students a fun and creative outlet to show their HVMS pride. On yearbook, students have the opportunity to become photographers of school events, dances, clubs and sports. Team members also design, layout, and create the templates and pages that will become The Hawk, the HVMS yearbook. Students of all talent and ability levels can find a way to showcase their school spirit by joining the yearbook team.

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# HVMS Course Request Sheet

(Detach & return to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)

**Deadline: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Please place a number (1-3) next to EACH Related Arts option for the 2019-2020 school year. Number 1 indicates your TOP choice and number 3 indicates the LEAST favorable choice.

Full Year Related Arts:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Band
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art

***Reminder: While we will make every effort to accommodate students' top two choices, we cannot guarantee that every student will receive their number 1 choice for the full-year related arts class.***

If offered, would you be interested in joining an Orchestra class?

Circle one:   **YES**    **NO**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please PRINT student's first & last name)*

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Elementary teachers: Please submit form to your school counselor**