

Saint Edmund Preparatory High School
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Dear Prospective Musician or Artist,

Welcome to St. Edmund Preparatory High School. We are pleased to offer many Fine Arts choices to our students. During your first year you will have the choice of several courses. Please note that no experience is necessary!

For students with little or no experience we offer the following courses:

Intro to Band - This is a year long class where students will study one of the following musical instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone horn, tuba, electric bass (open to the first two students who sign up for it) and percussion (drums). The percussion section is limited to the first twelve students who sign up for drums. All instruments will be provided by the school. **Please note: Do not choose electric bass and Percussion (drums) as your first and second choice.**

Intro to Music - This is a one semester course where students will learn the fundamentals of theory, ear training and history as they study musical recordings and works of several composers. **Students who choose this course will also take Studio Art.**

Studio Art - This is a one semester, introductory course for Freshman who have not yet taken high school art. Studio Art gives the student the opportunity to experience important aspects of art such as drawing, design, and art appreciation. A wide variety of hands-on activities are used. **Students who choose this course must also take Intro to Music.**

For students who already know how to play a musical instrument as listed above for “Intro to Band” the following course is offered:

Concert Band - This is a year long performance based course for students who know how to play a band instrument (see list from Intro to Band). Through daily rehearsal students will develop a repertoire of 15-20 compositions representing classical, jazz, holiday , and popular music. Music studied will be used for concerts and special events. **All performances are mandatory.** All instruments will be provided by the school. **Your son/daughter will need to take a placement audition to enroll in this class. Appointments can be made with Mr. Malazzo.**

Please note for selected individuals who demonstrate a passion for art, we offer a **Sequential Art Program** starting in sophomore year. With parental approval, the art sequence may be chosen starting in the fall of sophomore year. After passing Studio Art, a Sequential Art student would be required to follow this path of study:

Year	Fall	Spring
Sophomore	Drawing	Design
Junior	Art History	IB Art
Senior	IB Art (2 nd and 3 rd semester) and at least one other course from the following: Advanced Placement Art (independent study), Architecture, Desktop Publishing and Design, Wood Workshop, or Art Class Assistant	

If you think you might qualify for this program and are interested, please indicate that on the form.

For scheduling purposes, we ask you to please fill out and return the provided Fine Arts selection form when you take your placement exam so we can accommodate your son or daughter's request. Thank you again for choosing St. Edmund Prep.

Creatively yours,

Mr. John Malazzo (Band Director)

Mr. John Fabrizio (Music)

Mr. Phil Fama (Art)

Mr. Ray Malafrente (Art)

St. Edmund Fine Arts Course Selection Form

Student's name _____

Parent's name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____

Telephone Number (Work or Cell) _____

Do you know how to play a musical instrument? _____

If yes, what instrument _____ How long _____

What school are you currently attending? _____

For students who choose to sign up for **Intro to Band**, please indicate first and second choice of which musical instrument you would like to study.

1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____

Please check one of the following courses or groupings

_____ Intro to Band (for students who want to learn a musical instruments)

_____ Concert Band (for students who have taken an acceptable audition)

_____ Intro to Music and Studio Art

_____ I am interested in the Sequential Art Program.

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