

The Administration at Justin-Siena High School is committed to developing and growing the music program. With this in mind, a new and exciting partnership has been established between Justin-Siena High School and The Napa School of Music that will commence with the new school year in August 2010.

The Napa School of Music will be providing two music programs as part of Justin-Siena's curriculum - Band and Choir.

Band

Objective: To provide the students with the necessary skills to play and enjoy a selection of classical, marching, jazz and contemporary pieces in a concert and jazz band group.

Class expectations: Learn and perform different genres of concert band repertoire appropriate for high school level.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Classical
- Marching
- Show tunes / Broadway / Jazz
- Contemporary music renditions (pop, rock, alternative and oldies)

Choir

Objective: To provide the students with the necessary skills to enjoy a fun and challenging musical experience through the team effort of director, singers and accompanist. The class will work on strengthening voices, musical knowledge and performance.

Class expectations: Learn and perform different genres of choral repertoire appropriate for high school level.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Classical / Sacred
- *a cappella* (singing without any backing instruments)
- Show tunes / Broadway / Jazz
- Contemporary music renditions (pop, rock, alternative and oldies)

Mentors: Throughout the year the class will have a musical visitor to share their performance experience, talent and knowledge with the class.

The choir will have a goal of learning enough of a Christmas repertoire to be able to do performances around town during the holiday season.

For Band & Choir

★**Theory:** Learn the basic elements of music and note reading. (i.e. rhythm, harmony, melody, structure, form and texture).

★**Sight -reading:** Learn the ability to read the direction of a melody by knowing how music moves. Learn common rhythmic patterns as an aid to sight-reading / sight-singing.

★**Ear training:** Learn the ability to identify intervals, chords and rhythms simply by hearing them.

★**History/exposure:** Listen to different kinds of performances (groups, solos, cultural) and analyze music by using the theory and ear training they are learning in class.

★**Leadership:** Encourage confidence and musical skill level through student section leaders who will learn how to run rehearsals and sectionals.

★**Live Performing:** The band and choir will perform a fall, winter, and spring concert for a Justin-Siena High School function and one showcase concert that entails a variety of music and one showcase concert that would entail a variety of music.

★**Competitions/Festivals:** The band and choir will compete against local and state schools to give them a unique level of performance experience. The band and choir will also gain feedback from well-known judges and teachers to improve all facets of their performance.

For more information about The Napa School of Music and their music programs please visit www.napaschoolofmusic.com or call 252-4040.