

## HMS - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions

**Art I** – This course is an introduction to basic art concepts through painting, drawing, sculpting, and three-dimensional form. Students will increase their awareness of art and its relationship to our environment and themselves.

**Band 7** – The focus is on instrumental music with numerous performance opportunities including concerts, solos and ensembles, festivals, parades and assemblies.

**Choir 7/8** – Students in this class will work on fundamentals of singing and prepare several musical performances for the school, families, and the community. Topics studied will include becoming a better singer, reading and interpreting music, musical styles, developing the voice and performing before an audience. When you have completed this course, you will be ready to audition for “America’s Got Talent.”

**Guitar** – This class starts from the very beginning of guitar playing. We learn how to read music on acoustic guitar. Skills learned include how to pick, strum, and play finger style. We will eventually learn folk, rock, and blues music. We will learn older rock songs that go with the chords we are currently learning, and we will add songs with more chords as we go.

**Music Technology and Composition** – Do you have a love for music? Are you interested in creating your own music? This class will offer an opportunity for students to explore creating, performing and recording their own music using a variety of music technology. No Prior music experience is necessary.

**Personal Development** – This one-semester course is designed to increase students’ knowledge of and ability in using the skills necessary for everyday living. The course units focus on personal growth and development, consumer finance, physical and mental health enhancement, goal setting and decision making, healthy diet and food preparation, and interpersonal relationships. Personal Development will help students to use their knowledge and skills to make smart decisions for themselves and others.

**Physical Education** – This course is designed toward promoting physical fitness. Activities include basketball, football, tennis, badminton, bowling, volleyball, pickle ball, and fitness testing.

**Woodworking** – This course is an introduction to general woodworking practices. Students will learn about and safely use hand tools, power tools, and woodworking machinery. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will have a broad understanding of the design & construction process, as well as the more in-depth problem-solving skills.