



# FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT



## The Arts at Jesuit High School

The Fine Arts Department at JHS is made up of four separate programs — Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Visual Art, and Drama — offering a wide range of opportunities for students to make The Arts a part of their high school experience.

The Fine Arts are central to our human identity, and our relationship to ourselves, our world, and our God. Transcending spoken or written language, the Fine Arts create a holistic experience, which opens students to their gifts in music, art, and drama. Students, as artists, learn and apply skills, which empower them to more effectively communicate and collaborate in joyful service to God’s ongoing creation.

### Fine Arts for Freshman

Created especially for Freshmen, the **Fine Arts I** class provides students with a participation-based tour through each of the JHS Fine Arts Department’s Programs. Students spend twelve weeks in Drama, twelve weeks in Music, and twelve weeks in Visual Art, meeting a different instructor in each rotation. It is our hope that Freshmen will use this whirlwind tour of the Department’s four distinct programs to choose a single Fine Arts discipline for year-long exploration.

While most Freshmen enroll in **Fine Arts I**, those with an advanced level of interest or experience may arrange to move directly, as Freshmen, into a year-long class in Music by taking **Mixed Choir** or **Band I**, in Visual Art by taking **Art I**, or in Drama by taking **Technical Theatre**.

### Beyond the Classroom

Co-curricular opportunities for students exist throughout the Fine Arts Department, ranging from Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles, to participation in Jesuit’s nationally recognized Drama Program. Students do not need to be enrolled in a Fine Arts course to participate in these co-curricular activities.

**Men’s and Women’s Vocal Ensembles** meet twice a week at Break and often perform at JHS Choir Concerts; **Jazz Band** meets after school, and is open to all interested student musicians; **Art Club** is another after-school group, which sometimes helps facilitate spontaneous “pARTicipate” activities to give their fellow students a chance to experience art in a fun and casual setting; and **Drama Club**, meeting every Wednesday, is open to new members year-round.



## Fine Arts Electives

As Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, students have a number of options available to experience The Fine Arts through each of the Department's four discipline-based Programs:

*Instrumental Music* offers **Band I** and **Concert Band** for student musicians.

*Vocal Music* at JHS often begins with **Mixed Choir**, but continues through the additional opportunities of **Women's Choir**, **Concert Choir**, and **Chamber Choir** (admission to upper-level choirs is by audition).

*Visual Art* offers an expanding sequence of courses in **Art I**, **Art II**, **Art III** and **Art IV**.

*Drama* offers the holistic acting class **Drama and Theatre**, as well as the hands-on experience of **Technical Theatre**. Students with an interest in Playwriting can take **Creative Writing**, which features a strong focus on writing for the stage, and is taught on stage by theatre faculty.

## Fine Arts Faculty

Gail Fleenor, Visual Art

Sascha Gordon-Manning, Visual Art

Jeff Hall, Drama

George Izzett, Band Director

Elaine Kloser, Drama

Carol Young, Vocal Music



## Getting In On The Act

Jesuit High School's award-winning Drama Program is open to all students, Freshmen through Seniors, with a wide variety of ways to become involved. You do not need to be a member of any specific Drama class to get in on the action!

Our Freshman Ensemble provides an immediate opportunity for new students to participate.

Drama Club meets every Wednesday after school, and is home to Troupe 5575 of the International Thespian Society, the Educational Theatre Association's honor program for high school theatre students. Through Thespians, JHS students participate in a range of inter-scholastic theatre events while supporting JHS' dynamic theatre community.

**Auditions for JHS productions are open to all students.** It is not uncommon for student athletes to participate in a sport during one season and a drama production during another.

Theatre is the ultimate collaborative artform, with musicians, visual artists, and technicians working together with performers to bring a story to life on stage. There is a place for you!



### For more information, please contact:

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