



BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL ARTS ACADEMY

ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

You have shown an interest in being part of our Arts Academy Honors Program for students in Drama, Media Arts, Music, and Visual Arts. We have over 200 applicants to this program and will not be able to accept all interested students. In order to make sure that this honors program is mutually beneficial, please make sure you understand the following statements.

1. All Arts Academy students must be in class at 7:45am each morning.
2. Students in the Jazz Bands must commit to a class schedule that meets three days a week from 2:30-3:15pm **after school**.
3. All Arts Academy students will be responsible for creating an ongoing portfolio of materials, meeting deadlines, and demonstrating examples of academic growth .
4. All Arts Academy students will be assigned a Summer Arts assignment/experience.
5. All Arts Academy students must have a mutual respect for all arts disciplines.
6. All Arts Academy students must be self-motivated, goal-oriented, responsible, and driven to achieve the best that he can be.
7. All Arts Academy students must be in compliance with our school handbook.
8. All Arts Academy students will be responsible for attending two Arts experiences (play, concert, exhibit, lecture, film, master class) in which he is not participating.
9. All Arts Academy students understand that they must participate in a few concerts, showcases, and/or performance events that occur as part of the Bishop Hendricken Arts Season.
10. This program requires students who are dedicated and truly enjoy being part of a fun arts community that strives toward large goals.

If you choose to continue and apply to the program for the 2009-2010 school year, then you must complete the final step in the application process. You must schedule an AUDITION OR INTERVIEW with the Program Director/Coordinator. Specific expectations have been determined by each Program Director/Coordinator to help showcase applicants. We encourage ALL students to apply. The application process helps to prepare students to gain more experience and confidence when applying for jobs or college. Please audition for all the programs in which you are interested in being considered. If you are accepted to more than one, we will place you in the first choice program that you indicated on your interest form.

To schedule an interview/audition or ask any specific questions, please contact the Program Director/Coordinator specific to your program(s) of interest:

Band	Mr. Todd Garrepy	739-3450 ext 115	tgarrepy@hendricken.com
Chorus	Mrs. Mary Jo Gambardella	739-3450 ext 172	mgambardella@hendricken.com
Drama	Mr. Brian Cordeiro	739-3450 ext 147	arts@hendricken.com
Media Arts	Mr. Mark Fogarty	739-3450 ext 164	mfogarty@hendricken.com
Visual Arts	Mr. John Costa	739-3450 ext 172	jcosta@hendricken.com

09-10 ARTS ACADEMY Audition/Interview Requirements

Band

April 27-May 1- 2:30-4:00 PM Call or Email Mr. Garrepy for an appointment. All auditions take place in the band room. Auditions are ONLY for placement in the Jazz Bands. For the 2009-2010 school year, all concert band instrumentalists will be enrolled in the Arts Academy.

If a student is interested in auditioning for Jazz Band, he must be prepared for the following:

- Perform a short musical selection of your own choice (preferably jazz style).
- Sight read.
- Performance of various Major Scales.
- Answer questions on Musical Knowledge/ Theory.
- Comp Chords. (Jazz Guitar and Piano only)
- Jazz Drummers must perform different time feels:
Swing, Ballad, Salsa, Funk, Latin Rock, Bossa Nova, Samba
- Jazz Bass players must demonstrate the ability to create a bass line from a chord progression.

Wind players will be evaluated on 6 performance categories:

- Knowledge, Tone, Intonation, Rhythm, Articulation and musicality

Percussion and rhythm section players will be evaluated on 5 performance categories:

- Knowledge, Technique, Rhythm, Articulation and musicality

Each student will be allowed a 5 minute audition time. It is recommended that students warm up 10 minutes prior to their audition in one of our practice rooms. All students are expected to start at the beginning of their scheduled audition time. If a student skips an audition, he may not be allowed to audition for that band. Auditions will be scheduled for April 27, 28, 30 and May 1, 2009 from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM in the band room. Only the top scoring auditions will be accepted. There is no guarantee that a student member of either Jazz Band from the previous year will be placed in a Jazz Band for the up-coming year. (Students do not need to audition for Concert Band)

Chorus

Email for an appointment that is mutually convenient before May 14th. Current students can arrange appointment with Mrs. Gambardella. Auditions will take place in Chorus Room (405).

For the Audition: A student will sing one song (of his choosing) that best showcases his voice and personality. The student may be asked to sight sing, demonstrate vocal range, or match pitch. All talent levels will be considered for this band.

Drama

Email or Phone for an appointment that is mutually convenient before May 14. Current students can arrange appointment with Mr. Cordeiro. Auditions will take place in Drama Room (405).

For the Audition: ACTING/DIRECTING Student must perform at least one monologue that best displays his talent. Student may also sing a selection from a musical theater song if he would like. A TECHNICAL PRODUCTION student should write a one -paged typed essay that explains his interest and abilities in technical theater production.

Media Arts

Email for an appointment that is mutually convenient before May 14. Current students can arrange appointment with Mr. Fogarty. Auditions will take place in Drama Room (405).

Students applying to the Media Arts Academy must submit one of the following:

- A two-page essay describing why they would like to take Media Arts.
- Two pages of a screenplay written by the student.
- A video made by the student.

Space is very limited and there is a good chance even very qualified students will not get in, therefore, only students seriously interested in Media Arts should apply.

In the case that a student does not get in, they are encouraged to reapply every year. Preference is given to Seniors and Juniors, so the further along in your career at Hendricken, the more likely you are to get accepted into the Arts Academy.

REQUIREMENTS:

If student has previously the Media Arts Track, he must have held at least a B grade point average.

Visual Arts

MAY 5- 2:30-4:30 PM or by mutually arranged appointment. Current students may arrange for an appointment with Mr. Costa.

For the interview: Student needs to showcase six (6) originally created pieces of his art work. The work can be created in any medium, but should reflect the style of visual art that most interests the student. Space is limited for this Academy Program.

