

Bigelow Middle School
Extension Period 2019-2020
Grades 7 & 8

Open Art Studio

Grade 7

Days 2 & 5

Ms. Taglienti

Open Art Studio is designed for students who wish to enhance their art making experience beyond their scheduled visual art rotation class. Projects will be student and teacher generated and provide a more in depth approach to art making. Come express yourself creatively. This is a half-year elective.

Symphonic Band

Grades 7th & 8th

Days 2 & 5

TBA

The Symphonic Band is open to all Wind, Brass, and Percussion students in the 7th and 8th grades. The rehearsals build on the fundamentals learned in the 6th grade. The Symphonic Band performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts. This group is not for beginners. Books II and III of Standard of Excellence are used in rehearsals. Members of the Symphonic Band are invited to audition for the All-City Band.

A Cappella (by audition)

Grades 7th & 8th

Days 2 & 5

J. Alberts

Students will learn to sing, unaccompanied, in a variety of styles, including barbershop, madrigals, contemporary a-cappella, and jazz. Challenges such as tuning, sight singing, part independence, and arranging will be addressed. A strong foundation in musicianship and a desire to work hard are strongly recommended. Selection for A Cappella is by audition.

Orchestra

Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Days 3 & 6

TBA

The Orchestra is open to all string players. Members of the Orchestra should have been active members of their elementary school ensemble. The Orchestra plays a wide variety of music, from classical symphonies to fiddle tunes. Violinists rotate among the first and second sections, and the higher positions are studied. There are many solo opportunities in rehearsals, and the orchestra performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts. Students are expected to practice and take lessons regularly. Members of the Orchestra are encouraged to audition for the All-City Orchestra.

Chorus

Grades 7th & 8th

Days 3 & 6

J. Alberts

Students will learn a varied repertoire of music from diverse cultures and eras, increasing in difficulty as the year progresses. Students will also learn proper vocal technique. The chorus performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts each year, in addition to having the opportunity to perform on tours, in assemblies, and with community groups. Students interested in auditioning for the All-City Chorus must be members of the Bigelow Chorus. All that is required to become a member is a willingness to perform and to sing great music! (Students who wish to take orchestra and chorus should speak to Ms. Alberts first.)

Bigelow Yearbook

Grades 7th & 8th

Days 1 & 4

Ms. Rice

A group of highly motivated and organized students will design, edit, and produce the yearbook for the 2018- 2019 school year. We will work hard all year to capture special events, music and drama performances, clubs, sports, and life here at Bigelow in order to create a book that you and your classmates will look back on for years to come. In addition to photography, students will learn and apply media production techniques. Participants can count on having a lot of fun, while learning new skills that the whole school will enjoy! Limited enrollment. Interview required. Sign-up here and see Ms. Rice for an interview.