

# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Whether you want to begin exploring your creative side or continue expressing your long-standing artistic passion, St. Francis has a place for you. You'll love our talented faculty, inspiring facilities, and the opportunities for personal and artistic growth. Participating in the Arts may be your favorite part of the school day, or it could lead you to become an Arts Recognition Scholar, honored for majoring in a Visual and Performing Art form in college. Here is an overview of the opportunities we offer in the Arts:

## VISUAL ARTS

- Our four-year visual arts courses are available to beginning and advanced students.
- Courses include Drawing 1 & 2, Painting 1 & 2, Figure Sculpting 1 & 2, Digital Photography 1 & 2, Digital Film, Advanced Studio Art, AP Studio Art, and Honors Art History.
- Students participate in exhibitions and juried competitions for the Crocker Museum, the Congressional Art Competition, the California State Fair Student Showcase, Sacramento County Office of Education Decathlon Art Competition, 25,000 Stitches, and more.



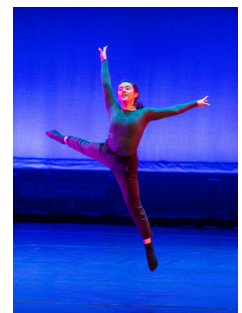
## THEATRE ARTS

- Our four-year theatre arts program provides opportunities for beginning through advanced thespians! Courses include Theatre Arts I, Theatre Arts II, and Honors Theatre Arts II. Students participate in class performance showcases and capstone projects.
- Honors Theatre Arts II students attend the Lenaea High School Theatre Festival, which brings together theatre students from over 70 high schools. In the past two years, student actors and tech crew have won Silver or Gold in the One Act, Monologue, Scene, Musical Theatre, and Set Design competitions.
- ALL students can audition for the musical and play! Recent performances include *The Tempest*, *Chicago (High School Edition)*, *Quilters*, *Little Women*, *Mary Poppins*, *12 Angry Women*, *The Boy Friend*, and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.
- Our actors compete in (and win!) the Rita Moreno California High School Musical Honors competition.
- Students interested in technical theatre, set design, costuming, lighting and sound, and stage production can enroll in Theatre Tech & Design or join our Tech Club, under the direction of our full-time Technical Director.



## DANCE

- Our four-year dance program offers classes for all levels of dancers. If you are new to dance or if you have been dancing for many years, St. Francis has opportunities for you to grow in your dance technique.
- Courses include SF Dance Company, SF Apprentice Dance Company, Intermediate Dance Techniques, and Dance Styles.
- Our Dance Companies participate in two theatre performances a year.
- Like to sing AND dance? Try Show Choir or Intro to Show Choir! The St. Francis Show Choir performs locally and travels for performances and festivals.
- Join one of the only high school Hula teams in the region! No experience necessary.
- Most of our Dance courses fulfill the PE requirement. No stress and tons of fun!



## VOCAL MUSIC



- With a rich tradition of award-winning choirs, our four-year vocal music program offers opportunities from introductory choir to solo vocal instruction.
- Courses include Concert Choir (no audition required), Chamber Singers (intermediate to advanced choir for all grades; audition based), Honors Chamber Singers, and Vocal Solos.
- Concert Choir has two major performances each year, and Chamber Singers performs at on and off-campus events, festivals and competitions, and is the liturgical choir for school-wide Masses.
- Show Choir and Introduction to Show Choir offer opportunities for students who want to sing and dance.
- The Blue Skirts A Cappella Club offers extracurricular opportunities for singers.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Concert Orchestra is the starting course for Freshmen or instrumentalists with at least two years playing experience. It is a prerequisite to move into Chamber Orchestra.
- Chamber Orchestra is an Honors program for Strings and Piano players. Entrance is by audition only. Musicians have to complete at least 1 year of Concert Orchestra.
- Concert Band is the beginning to intermediate level instrumental music class designed for students who wish to learn an instrument and better technique on their instruments. This is the prerequisite to advance to Wind Ensemble.
- Wind Ensemble is an Honors program for Winds, Brass and Percussion players. Entrance is by audition only. Musicians have to complete at least 1 year of Concert Band.
- Instrumentalists are encouraged to continue developing their instrumental and musical skills for all four years.



## FACILITIES

- Our Arts Complex includes: A 500 seat theatre with fly system; a dedicated Dance room; a Choir room; an Orchestra Room with a recording studio, drama studio, practice rooms, and instrument lockers; and four dedicated visual arts rooms.
- The St. Francis High School in-school Art Gallery displays our talented students' art works throughout the school year.



For complete descriptions of all our Arts courses, please see [stfrancishs.org/course-catalog](http://stfrancishs.org/course-catalog).