

Visual Arts Program

Art 8

This fun and creative course requires no previous art experience. This full year course includes a ½ year of Art and a ½ year of Ceramics. Art/Ceramics 8 introduces students to a variety of creative processes including drawing, painting, printmaking, design, ceramics and sculpture. Students will be introduced to a variety of media including, graphite, oil pastels, acrylic and watercolor paint, clay, glazes and paper mache.

Art/ Drama 8

Art/ Drama 8 will give students a chance to experience a ½ year of Art and a ½ year of Drama. In the Art portion, students will have an opportunity to explore a variety of art media such as^[SEP] graphite, oil pastels, paint, paper mache, collage and clay. No previous experience is necessary.

Visual Art 9- 12 Image development with drawing, painting, printmaking, clay, glass and sculpture media

Ceramics 9-12 Hand-building and wheel throwing techniques, glazing, and kiln firing explored

Drawing and Painting 10-12 Image development with many drawing media, water color, acrylic and oil paints

Photography 9-12 use digital SLR cameras to take photos, and use photoshop to edit, refine and print



Benefits of Fine and Performing Arts

- Increases intelligence by learning new “languages” with which to communicate and interact with others
- Allows students to explore personally relevant themes that enrich notions of identity and connectedness
- Helps students become part of the Fine Arts community and find a place of belonging within the larger context of Gladstone
- Builds self confidence, and self awareness
- Develops imagination and teamwork
- Teaches students how to problem solve creatively –“think outside the box”
- Improves specific skills within the various Fine and Performing Art disciplines to allow students to reach their full potential
- Provides fun learning environments



GLADSTONE FINE ARTS



Welcome to Gladstone

Fine Arts

The Gladstone Secondary School Fine Arts department is dedicated to the pursuit and achievement of excellence.

Gladstone Secondary School is a school of about 1000 learners, located in East Vancouver’s Kensington–Cedar Cottage community. Gladstone’s student population mirrors the ethnic diversity of the community from which it is drawn. Gladstone’s multicultural mix is a hallmark of the school, and is celebrated and valued by staff and students alike. A prime objective of the school is to create a sense of community within which our students can feel secure and appreciated. Our Fine Arts programs are of a high calibre and provide students with many avenues for aesthetic expression.

***For more detailed course descriptions visit our School website gladstone.vsb.bc.ca/ look under the “**Guidance and Support**” drop down menu for **Course Planning Guide** pages 17-23.

Dance Program

There are many course options, genres and levels to choose from with a wide range of culturally inclusive dance genres including: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre, Hip-Hop, African, Indo-jazz, Lyrical, Belly dance, Salsa Rueda, Contemporary, Samba, Cumbia, Street Hustle, Jive, Lindy Hop, Waltz, Merengue, Cha Cha, and Acrobatics.

Dance/ Drama 8

This is a ½ year course combined with Drama 8. Students learn beginner level Hip Hop, Break dance, Jazz dance, Swing and Cultural Dances. Students will perform in one major show.

Junior Dance Company 8

Junior Dance Company 8 is designed for dancers with at least two years of previous technical dance training in a dance studio or students with a strong gymnastics background. Students will study jazz dance, acro, tap, contemporary, and develop their dance technique. This class will perform in both the December and May shows as well as the District Dance Festival.

Dance Foundations 9-12 This is a beginner level course that focuses on foundations of jazz, hip hop, contemporary, tap and cultural dances.

Dance Conditioning 10-12 This is a non-performance class that focuses on strength & conditioning for dancers, LaBlast dance fitness, yoga and pilates. Students will gain core strength and work on alignment for injury prevention.

Junior and Senior Dance Company 9-12 These are more advanced technical courses for students with previous dance studio experience. Students will improve their technique in jazz, contemporary, acro, salsa, and tap, and learn more advanced level choreography. Numerous performance opportunities are offered from October-June.

Drama Program

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Art/ Drama 8 will give students a chance to experience a ½ year of Art and a ½ year of Drama. In the Drama portion students will be introduced to a variety of drama and theatre skills: warm-up exercises (body & voice), teambuilding games, basic improv games and group presentations. Focus is also on increasing self-confidence and the ability to speaking front of others.

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Drama 10 Challenges students to think on their feet and work as a team in front of an audience

Acting 11/12 Students will work on developing tools for dialogue, character development and scene work

Film & TV Production 11/12 Students will learn the technical aspects of acting in front of a camera

Theatre Company 9-12 Auditioned, off time-table course where students take a play through to production

Theatre Production 11/12 Students learn about lighting, sound, stage production, costumes, props, and set design



Music Program

Many options to study instrumental and/or choral music and courses are offered at every grade and skill level.

Concert Band 8 Beginners

This is a full year course for students with no music experience who are interested in being introduced to a variety of band instruments. Students will learn about music notation and how to read music. They will also learn how to play a woodwind, brass or percussion musical instrument and perform in a band.

Concert Band 8 Intermediate

This is a full year course for students who already have at least one year of experience playing an instrument and performing in a band. The course will encourage students to enhance and improve their musical skills. Students will continue to learn technique on their instrument and music theory.

Concert Band 8-12 Beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, with a variety of brass and wind instruments

Jazz Band 9-12 Expand technical skill on instrument while learning Jazz history and practice

Ukulele/ Guitar 9-12 Learn Ukulele or guitar while exploring a wide variety of music styles

Choir 9-12 Choir and voice studies to enhance and augment singing skills, with lots of performing options

Vocal Jazz 9-12 Modern jazz and Pop music with lots of performing opportunities

