

9th Grade Guitar Class

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Course Description	Guitar Class is focused on providing students with a practical foundation in guitar technique. Students will learn how to play chords and melodies on the guitar in various styles using chord symbols and tablature. Students will also learn about the structure of chord progressions and how they can be applied to songwriting. Musicians from beginner to advanced are all welcome. Guitars will be provided for use during class.
Units	Unit 1: Getting to Know the Guitar <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parts of the guitar, holding the guitar, string names, tuning, types of guitars Unit 2: Guitar Notation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Music notation, Chord Diagrams, Slash Notation, Lead sheet with chords, Lyric sheet with chords, tabs Unit 3 & 4: Rhythm Patterns and Expanding Chord Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strumming patterns, arpeggiated/finger-picking accompaniment Unit 5: Taking the Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improvisation, scales Unit 6: The Structure of a Song <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Song form, chord progressions, Roman Numeral Theory
Grading	Written Quizzes Performances <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Benchmark assessments- Complete riffs, chord progressions, leads- Culminating song Playing a guitar is a mastery-based skill. If a student does not master a skill for the first assessment, they can keep working for reassessment!
Materials	Student laptops Pencil and Paper Guitar, amps, and picks provided