



Visual and Performing Arts Department

July 31, 2020

Dear TKA VPA Students,

TKA is following Santa Clara County guidelines in response to COVID-19 and will adjust our programs to provide co-curricular performing opportunities as well as protect students and staff. **Please understand that these plans may be modified, and all activities are subject to change based on what is permitted by Santa Clara County Public Health guidelines.** Visual Arts classes will be continuing in an online format, and openings in these courses are still available.

Although no audiences will be in TKA Cabot Theater this fall, the show must go on! We're looking forward to a great year!

~Mrs. Reed, VPA Department Lead
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~Mrs. Irwin, VPA Coordinator
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Band

- **Knights Brigade Marching Band and Color Guard**

Instruction during the school day will be online. Knights Brigade students will begin on-campus band camp outside on Saturday, August 8, according to public health safety protocols as allowed by the Santa Clara Health Department and communicated ahead of time. The rehearsal schedule for on-campus, after-school rehearsals will be published shortly along with safety protocols. Students will be rehearsing music and color guard pageantry techniques outdoors in small cohorts. Recorded performances will be reviewed and rated by Western Bands Association (WBA) world-class adjudicators. Solo and ensemble groups will be recording performances for adjudication and feedback.

- **Knight Club Jazz Band**

Jazz Band instruction and festival participation will be online. Performances will be reviewed and rated by Western Bands Association (WBA) world-class adjudicators.

- **Blue and Gold Bands**

These bands will be taught through online instruction. Music will be distributed on the same days as textbook distribution.

Contact Mr. Bortz, Ryan.Bortz@tka.org

Choir

High School Concert Choir and Knightshine (Show Choir) will be taught through online instruction. Music will be distributed on the same days as textbook distribution. Spring competitions are being planned.

Contact Mrs. Dedeaux, Lotte.Dedeaux@tka.org

Dance

All dance classes will be taught through on-line instruction. The spring showcase is being planned.

- **Advanced Dance/Ignite** will be instructed online and record in-person performances outside on campus while adhering to social distancing protocols.

Contact Mrs. Reed, Stacey.Reed@tka.org

String Orchestra

String Orchestra will be instructed online and will record performances on campus in socially-distanced, in-person cohorts for online adjudication.

Contact Mr. Bortz, Ryan.Bortz@tka.org

Theatre

Theatre courses are being taught online. The following extracurricular activities will be available. For both productions, students will audition, rehearse, and perform entirely online. Auditions will be via Zoom.

- **High School Fall Play - *The Merchant of Venice***: Auditions will be held via Zoom. Online rehearsals begin on Monday, September 14. Online performances will be in October. Contact Miss DeGraaf, Abigail.DeGraaf@tka.org
- **Junior High Fall Musical - *Flat Stanley***: Online rehearsals begin on Monday, September 21. Online performances will be in November. Contact Mrs. Reed, Stacey.Reed@tka.org