



The St. Johns County Center for the Arts at R.J. Murray Middle School is looking for arts oriented students for the 2016/2017 school year. Any student in St. Johns County with a background or interest in the Arts (dance, drama, visual art and vocal music) has the opportunity to apply and audition to become an Arts student at Murray Middle School.

The application window for all arts departments will be open **January 21 through February 8, 2016**. A link will be available on the Murray Middle School website (www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us) for the on-line application. Once your application has been processed you will be contacted by email (or USPS mail if email is not available) to inform you of your audition date and time. Arts auditions will be held on February 5 and February 10.

Visual Arts students must come with a portfolio, while those interested in Dance will audition in a class setting. Drama and Music student will audition with a prepared piece and/or be interviewed. Our website can provide more specific audition requirements.

Important Dates:

On-line Application Opens	January 21, 2016
On-line Application Closes	February 8, 2016
Information Sessions	January 28 and February 2, 2016
Auditions	February 5, 2016

NOTE: Once your application has been processed you will be contacted by email (or USPS mail if email is not available) to inform you of your audition schedule.

AUDITION PROCEDURES AND PREPARATION

All students should come prepared to participate in either an individual or class audition, depending on the discipline selected. Students may audition for as many arts areas as they wish but will be limited to three Elective Classes.

DANCE – (BURKHARDT & DICKENS)

Dancers with any prior dance training or experience should be prepared to take a class demonstrating ballet, modern and jazz technique. Proper dance clothes and shoes are required*. Students with no experience will attend a separate beginner's class.

DRAMA – (NANCE)

All students will perform a short (1-3 minute) prepared monologue from a published play or monologue anthology. More experienced students should bring a resume and headshot. Students should be prepared for a brief interview with the drama instructor if time allows.

VOCAL MUSIC – (SCHMIDT)

For the Vocal Music audition you may prepare a song with or without accompaniment (CD, etc.) or arrive at your assigned audition time and Mr. Schmidt will have you sing through some scales and exercises. The song is not necessary, but if you really want to show off your talent, it is a good idea.

VISUAL ART – (BANTON)

Students may demonstrate proficiency in one medium or a variety of media. Students are asked to bring a labeled portfolio containing 4 to 6 original artworks. Students will submit his or her portfolio to the Visual Arts panel. The portfolio will be reviewed while the student takes the drawing audition.

***For more information, such as what to bring with you, what to wear and tips on how to prepare for your audition, please refer to our websites for the individual disciplines: <http://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/teachers/>**