

## **Beginning/Advanced Guitar at SHS**

**Beginning Guitar** - This course provides opportunities for students to develop their musical potential and aesthetic understanding through learning to play a guitar. Emphasis will be placed on playing position, tone production, fundamental technique, simultaneous playing and singing, reading music, and composing songs/lyrics. Knowledge and skills will include experiences in singing, creating, playing, listening, and connecting to cultures. No prerequisite course is required. Students must provide their own instrument, picks and tuners.

**Advanced Guitar** – This course allows students to take their skills to the next level in their playing. Topics covered include a serious study of scale construction and application, modes used in improvisation and chord structure. Students get to apply this theory in learning the basics of playing leads in blues, blues-rock and rock compositions. Emphasis is placed on clean technique and developing playing habits that will enhance performance. All advanced guitar students must have taken beginning guitar or have permission from the instructor before signing up for the class.