

Saint Ann School Music Program - Scope and Sequence

Music - (Grades PK - 5th)

The Orff program was conceived as an approach to building musicianship in every learner through the integration of music, movement, speech, and drama.

In Orff Schulwerk classrooms, children begin with what they do instinctively: play! Imitation, experimentation, and personal expression occur naturally as students become confident, life-long musicians and creative problem solvers.

The primary curriculum used is “Game Plan” by Orff music specialists Jeff Kriske and Randy DeLelles.

Students will:

- Nurture and develop their singing voice.
- Become focused listeners.
- Sing liturgy music so they can fully participate in Friday and Sunday Liturgies.
- Accompany their singing with a variety of age appropriate instruments (drums, rattles, sticks, tambourines, maracas, boom whackers, xylophones, glockenspiels, recorders, tone chimes, etc.).
- Learn music notation.
- Build a musical vocabulary.
- Listen, describe and analyze the music they hear.
- Experience many cultures through music.
- Reinforce, extend and enrich the regular classroom curriculum.
- Perform in the annual Christmas Program.

Choir - (Grades 3 - 8)

Students focus on the qualities necessary for choral singing: tone production, posture, diction, blend, sight singing and rhythm skills, as well as singing in unison and two part harmony.

The choir leads the singing at all Friday school masses and most 11:00am Sunday masses at Saint Ann Church. Students from all parishes are encouraged to participate.

After school choir meets every Thursday from 3-4:15pm.

Lunch Bunch Choir for grades 5-8 meets twice a week during lunch.

Beginning Band - (Grade 6)

Research clearly demonstrates that learning to play a musical instrument develops both sides of the brain, stimulates language and mathematical development, and develops group problem solving skills. As a result, all sixth graders are required to learn a band instrument for at least one year.

In Beginning Band Class, students will learn the basics of instrument assembly, care and maintenance, tone production, hand position, note and rhythm reading, time signatures, key signatures, musical terms, etc. Students are given weekly practice assignments and are expected to practice at home, as well as in school. First year students will perform on the Christmas Program and Spring Concert.

Advanced Band - “Dolphin Pride, Amplified!” (Grades 7 – 8)

Advanced Band is optional, and is for those students who wish to continue study of their band instrument. Students will learn a variety of band literature for our Veterans Day, Christmas Program, Catholic Schools Week and Spring Concert performances.

Advanced Band also travels to Orlando for their spring band trip. In the past, our Saint Ann Advanced Band has performed in Disney World and at Universal Studios, and participated in the Music USA Music Festival and the “You’re Instrumental” Disney workshop.

Music – (Grades 7 - 8)

This class is designed for those students who do not wish to continue playing in band. Students will experience ensemble and individual music making using World Music Drums, Xylophones and iPad Garage Band and other music apps. In addition they will listen to and analyze a variety of musical styles, composers and performers.