

Music Class PreK-6 Safety Precautions

To keep students and staff safe, we will be implementing various safety precautions in music class.

- ❖ I (the music teacher) will be going to classrooms to teach instead of students coming to me.
- ❖ Singing will be kept to a minimum.
- ❖ Any materials used in class will be thoroughly disinfected and let sit for a day or more before using again.
- ❖ Because we will not be singing as much, we will explore other areas of music such as music theory, reading music, body percussion, rhythms and dancing.

Band/Orchestra

Due to AOD regulations, we will NOT be playing wind instruments this year. *Instead, we will be offering* a choice between **string instruments** (violin or cello) or **percussion** (drums, xylophone). Rehearsals will be during lunch/recess time, split up into smaller groups each day so that students can be distanced appropriately. String instruments can be rented from Marshall Music. Percussion instruments will be provided, but students may be asked to purchase their own mallets/drum sticks. Anyone interested in joining orchestra or percussion ensemble should email me, Jolene Pollard, at pollardj@olgcp parish.net for more information.

Marshall Music

- ❖ Violin rental - \$20/month
- ❖ Cello rental - \$40/month
- ❖ Free maintenance and repair. Free exchanges.
- ❖ Comes with a music stand, method book, shoulder rest or endpin holder.

Choir

We will not have a choir if we are in Phases 1-4. This means we will not begin the year with choir. This could change as the year progresses.

Cantors for Mass

Cantors (singing leaders) will be performing solo this year (not in duet form as in previous years). Solo cantor rehearsals will be during lunch/recess. Singing at weekly mass will be limited to protect all students. Anyone interested in being a cantor should email me, Jolene Pollard, at pollardj@olgcp parish.net for more information.

Advent Concert

We will not have an Advent Concert while we are in Phases 1-4.

Spring Musical

We will not have an in-person musical while we are in Phases 1-4. However, we are considering the possibility of a virtual musical.

3rd and 4th Grade Recorders

We will not play recorders while we are in Phase 4. However, if we are in Phases 1-3 or 5-6, we would begin learning recorders in January/February 2021.

7th and 8th Grade Elective - Theatre

Our ultimate project for the first semester is to create/write/compose a musical that could be performed virtually or in-person. Students will get the opportunity to choose/compose songs, write the script and create characters for our spring musical. We will center the musical around our theme of the school year, "True Colors." Depending on the number of students in class, we will also consider writing a play (without music).

Second semester students will help behind-the-scenes for the musical, coming up with ideas for props, set, costumes, lighting, make-up/hair, and constructing the props/set. They will take leadership positions in putting the musical together, including writing letters to the cast and parents of the cast; organizing parent volunteers, student volunteers and cast members; contacting and working with our media specialists to help promote the show; and other opportunities.

**Auditions for the musical will be separate from this class. You do not need to be in the Theatre Elective to be in the musical. Also, students who sign up for this elective are not guaranteed a major role in the musical.*

***Students can either participate for one or both semesters.*