

Middle School Music Course Descriptions

Band

Through weekly small-group lessons and rehearsal classes, students refine their musical skills by practicing a wide repertoire of fun and challenging music from classical to popular. The bands perform three concerts throughout the academic year and have an opportunity to participate in the Solo and Ensemble competitions. Band members build a positive sense of community and accomplishment and experience a high and rewarding level of music-making. Beginning Band is a co-curricular course open to all students 5th-8th grade with no instrumental playing experience. The Intermediate and Concert Bands are school-day music course offerings. Intermediate Band is open to students in 6th grade with one year of experience. The Concert Band is open to students in 7th and 8th grade with two or more years of experience.

TUITION = \$1,300/year includes two weekly rehearsals and one weekly sectional lesson

String Ensemble

This class is open to students who have been playing a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) for at least two years and are currently studying at the approximate level of Suzuki Book 2 or above. String Ensemble students receive instruction in orchestral playing and perform at three concerts as well as some Masses and other special venues each year. The Ensembles provide a creative and stimulating experience that will nurture musical gifts while developing a sense of discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence. A variety of musical styles are studied.

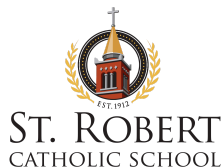
TUITION = Middle School Strings: \$1,450/year includes two weekly ensemble classes

Choir

The choirs are designed to familiarize students with the art of singing. The ensembles explore a variety of musical styles including musical theater, folk songs, pop, world music, classical, and the rich repertoire of sacred music. Members will develop their musicianship by deepening their understanding of music theory and learning the basics of sight reading and healthy vocal technique. The choir performs at three concerts during the year with additional opportunities to participate in the annual WSMA Solo and Ensemble competition. No singing experience is necessary. The choirs are open to all students.

NO ADDITIONAL FEE

**ALL PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLES REQUIRE BLACK AND WHITE CONCERT ATTIRE
AND PARTICIPATE IN THREE MANDATORY CONCERTS PER YEAR.**



MUSIC ELECTIVE CLASS PREFERENCE

Middle School Registration

Student _____

Music class placement is determined by both eligibility and space available.

Course Preference (See Course Descriptions enclosed)

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| ☐ | Band | \$1300/year |
| ☐ | String Ensemble | \$1450/year |
| ☐ | Choir | N/C |

All music electives fees are billed as part of regular tuition plan

We are fully committed to maintaining equitable access to instrumental study for motivated students and will make every effort to secure tuition assistance for those in need.

I understand that this program fulfills my child's general music requirements and that s/he may not change classes during the course of the academic year. _____(initial)

I understand that the performance ensembles require participation in four mandatory concerts per year and that black and white concert attire is required. _____ (initial)

I understand that the school reserves the right to make the final determination of music class placement. _____ (initial)

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	APPROVALS
Date Received	Music Teacher
Class Assignment:	Principal
Band Choir Strings	