



St. Paul's First Lutheran Music Electives

CANTICLE CHOIR

Open to students in grades K, 1, 2, & 3

This choir meets 2 times a week on Tuesday and Friday mornings. This choir sings for several of our Sunday morning worship services, the Fall Festival, our PreK - 3 Christmas Service, and our Spring Concert.

CRUSADER CHOIR

Open to students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8.

This upper grade choir meets 2 times a week on Tuesdays and Fridays immediately after lunch. (This is during the upper grades elective period and during the other grades' study period.) The Crusader choir sings for several of our Sunday morning worship services, the Fall Festival, the 4th grade – 8th grade Christmas Service, and the Spring Concert.

6th GRADE HAND BELLS

Open to students in grades 6

No previous experience necessary. This Bell Choir will meet once a week for a 50 minute period. The 6th Grade Bell Choir will play at the upper grades Christmas Service and for the Spring Concert.

7th and 8th GRADE BELLS

Open to students in Grades 7 & 8

These Hand Bell Choirs meets for two 35 minute periods each week. The Choirs will play for the 3 – 8 Christmas Service and the Spring Concert.



BEGINNER BAND

Open to students in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8. Fee varies.

It is here that students in Grade 4 have their first opportunity to learn a band instrument. All students in Grades 4 – 8 are eligible for this program. This beginner band program is unique in that the members get to play their instrument every school day. The Beginner Band meets every morning 1/2 hour before the school day begins. Each student learns and grows in his/her instrument in a group setting. Not only are they learning the instrument but they are also experiencing what it feels like to play in a group, rather than just hearing himself/herself in a one on one setting.

Instrument choices: Clarinet, Oboe, Flute, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, and percussion (snare drum, bass drum, orchestra bells, tambourine, timpani, etc.)

CONCERT BAND

Open to Grades 5 - 8. Must have taken Beginner Band. Lessons are required for those in grades 5 & 6.

This is our more advanced band. To be a member you must have taken beginner band, however, if a student has played in a different band or has taken private lessons, then admission will be determined by a short audition with Mr. Bauer (basically to see at what playing level and music reading skill the student is.) Band meets twice a week, Monday's and Thursday's, during the elective period. The Band will play for the Fall Festival, Upper Grades Christmas Service, and Spring Concert.

LESSONS

Instrumental - Open to Grades 4 - 8

Required for Band members in grades 5 & 6. This is not considered an elective in and of itself if you are in the 7th or 8th grade.

Individual lessons are required for all band members in grades 5 & 6, though not exclusive to them. However, if a student in grades 7 or 8 demonstrates that he/she is not responsible enough to practice band music on his/her own, then a scheduled lesson with Mr. Bauer may be implemented. All lessons are given during the school day for 20 minute periods, including piano lessons. This lesson, if at all possible, is scheduled during one of the students' breaks or P.E. period. Sometimes, however, this is not possible and a lesson must be scheduled during part of a regular class. This is worked out with Mr. Bauer and the Teacher.

ALL students in grades 7 & 8 must choose at least one music elective. This music elective may be chosen from any of the electives except Instrumental/Piano lessons. However, you must qualify for the Concert Band or Concert Bells. Previous experience and a certain level of competency is required.