

Saint Jude Catholic School
Music Syllabus – Grades 7 & 8

Students in the 7th and 8th grade music classes will learn about Music History and Theory. . Students will also practice the art of music performance by singing, playing a variety of musical instruments and exploring the technology of music. At the beginning of the course all students will be provided with the “Music Curriculum and Study Guide”. Handouts will also be given throughout the time period of assigned work.

Students are required to provide their own folder marked “Music” and the student’s name. All handouts should be kept in the music folder. Each lesson will be read, explained and performed in class. Homework maybe assigned after each lesson. All writing must be done with an erasable pencil, unless specified otherwise.

There will be a test at the end of the course. Students will be tested in three (3) sections. Section One (1) is a written test. Section Two (2) is an audio test where students will listen, identify and analyze recorded music. Section Three (3) is the live performance of students playing a chosen musical instrument or singing. Band members are encouraged to bring their instruments and music repertoire for the classroom presentation, as well as for the test.

Homework and tests will be graded based on a 100 points scale. Please refer to the Student Handbook for information regarding St. Jude’s School grading system. The information regarding student conduct and the consequences for not following the school’s rules and regulations are also included there. They will be enforced during the music course at all times. Incomplete work (unable to evaluate as a significant portion of the assignment is missing) will be given a “second chance” option. Homework turned in late will result in the final grade reduced by 10% if turned in within one (1) week of the assignment date. However, no points will be deducted with proof of a reasonable excuse. Late homework or incomplete homework will be accepted at any time by placing it in Mr. Blachut’s mailbox located in the Teacher’s Lounge.

Students are required to keep track of their progress by writing the dates and grades of each assignment, homework and test on the “Homework Evaluation and Deadlines” sheet. A special recognition will be awarded to students who attentively listen to music (recorded or performed live,) sing in tune, play a musical instrument with passion and conviction, or participate in any of the available extra-curricular and voluntary music activities.

Music Program Overview:

1st Quarter: Vocal Group

2nd Quarter: Peace & Christmas Celebration

3rd Quarter: Rock Band (or Blues/Jazz Band)

4th Quarter: Music Technology

Please refer to the “Music Curriculum and Study Guide” for the detailed description of each quarter.