

# Saint Jude Catholic School

## Music Syllabus – Grade 5

Students in 5th grade music class will learn about Music History and practice of Music Performance using simple musical instruments, some of which will be provided by the teacher. Parents are asked to provide for their student the straight flute (also known as the recorder.) this will be required for every music class even though it may not always be in practical use.

At the beginning of the school year all students will be provided with the “Music Curriculum and Study Guide” which explains in greater detail this year’s music program. Twice a month students will receive “Composers’ Monthly Newsletter” and other handouts, such as: “Recorder Method,” “Music Dictionary,” “Music Reader’s Aid,” “The Principles of Songwriting,” etc.

Students are required to keep track of their progress by copying dates and grades of their assignments to the “Homework Evaluation and Deadlines” sheet also provided at the beginning of the school year. It may be subject for collection at any time during the school year. A copy of each lesson and the accompanying music samples CD will be left at the disposal of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. The music samples will be played during each music class and starting in 2016 they will be also be accessible on-line in mp3 format through Saint Jude Catholic School’s portal at RenWeb.com (more information TBA.)

Students are required to provide their own folder marked “Music” with the student’s name written on the top right corner of the folder. All lessons and handouts will be kept in the Music folder. Each lesson will be read, explained and performed in class. Homework may be assigned after each lesson. All writing must be done with an erasable pencil, unless specified otherwise. There will be a written test at the end of each semester. The test includes listening to the recorded music for the purpose of recognition and analysis. It may also require students’ instrumental or vocal performance. Band members are encouraged to bring their instruments and sheet music for a classroom presentation.

Homework and tests will be graded based on a 100 points scale. Please refer to the “Student Handbook” for information regarding the grading system of Saint Jude Catholic School. 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 (“Second-Chance” included) 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 the music teacher’s mailbox or by the courtesy of homeroom teachers.

Extra credit points will be given for attentive music listening, singing, playing a musical instrument, or participating in extra-curricular music activities such as: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Liturgy, Christmas Program, Concert Band, Children’s Choir, etc. Students may be encouraged to share their music-related ideas and experiences with classmates and the community, after consulting with the teacher for approval.