

“Sing to the Lord a new song;
Play skillfully, and shout for joy.”
Psalm 33:3

Dear Parents of JH students,

Greetings from PCA’s music teachers! We look forward to creating many memorable, music-making experiences with your children in our upcoming school year. Please note the following:

Ensemble and Instrument Choices: In Junior High, all students attend music class twice a week. Students have 4 options available to them: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Music Exploration. Music exploration is a general music class that immerses students in a variety of musical experiences. The focus this year will be on World Music – learning to play African hand drums and Indonesian Anklung. (NOTE: Music Exploration is a course meant for those who do not play another instrument and prefer not to sing. *Choir, Band and Orchestra students are strongly encouraged to remain in their current ensembles.*) Chorus and music exploration require no prior experience. However, experience on an instrument is required for band and orchestra. Students without experience can join once they get up to speed with private lessons. With instructor’s permission, students have the possibility of switching to a different instrument. For example, students may now choose string bass, French horn, Baritone horn, bass clarinet, tenor sax, oboe, bassoon, etc.

Music Supply List: Each ensemble requires certain supplies; please look on the next page for more details.

Instrument Rental Day: This is a day when Music and Arts comes to PCA with instruments to rent for your convenience. It will take place from **3:00-5:00 pm on Wed, September 5** in Mrs. Stevens’ classroom (near the MPR). Forms will go out ahead of time to indicate your interest in renting an instrument. **Strings players** should see Mrs. Stevens or any strings teacher about which size instrument is best.

Advanced Ensembles: PCA offers some exciting opportunities to advanced music students. During their first week, students may indicate their interest to be in jazz band or the JH chapel music team.

Private Instrumental Lessons: Students are given the opportunity to take weekly private lessons at the school for a fee. More information can be found here: <https://pcaschool.org/parents/kaleidoscope-course-descriptions/>

Have a great summer! If you have questions, don’t hesitate to email us.

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Supply List

Music (grades 4 - 8)

Concert Attire (grades 4 – 5): Students are expected to dress up (dresses/ties/dress shoes/etc.) and may wear something Christmassy (Dec) or Springy (Apr). Suit coats are optional. Simply wearing chapel attire is acceptable.

Concert Attire (grades 6 – 8): Black dress pants and modest white blouse / shirt with long or short sleeves, but not sleeveless (chapel shirts are okay). Black belt, shoes, and socks. Guys should wear a tie.

Band (grades 4-8):

- Instrument and case in working condition (rental options available)
- Woodwinds: reeds and cork grease.
- Brass: valve oil and slide grease.
- Percussion: drumstick, drum pad, and bell kit
- A microphone (built-in or external) connected to their computer / iPad. This will be used with a school-provided Smart Music account online.
- Music stand for home practice (can use piano stand).
- A pack of sharpened pencils with eraser
- Music book: available on rental day through Music and Arts (www.musicarts.com), in music stores, or online.
4th and 5th Grade Bands: *Tradition of Excellence Book I* for your child's instrument
Junior High Band: *Tradition of Excellence Book II* for your child's instrument.

Chorus (grades 4-8):

- Sharpened pencil with eraser
- 1 Large box of tissues

Orchestra (grades 4-8):

- Instrument, bow and case, all in working condition and correctly sized for student (rental options available)
- Basic supplies for all: rosin, soft flannel cloth, an extra set of strings and a music stand for home practice (can use piano stand).
- Violins & violas: shoulder rest – correct size
- Cellos: endpin anchor strap or “donut”
- Sharpened pencil with eraser
- Music book: available on rental day through Music and Arts (www.musicarts.com), in music stores, or online.
4th and 5th grade orchestra: *Essential Elements for Strings Book 1* for your child's instrument
Junior High: *Essential Elements for Strings Book 2* for your child's instrument.

Music Exploration (grades 6-8)

- (1) ½” 3-ring binder or folder
- Sharpened pencil and eraser
- You may provide your own hand drum (teacher approved) or rent one from the school for \$50.