

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

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

Greetings from PCA’s music teachers! We look forward to creating many memorable, music-making experiences with your children this year. In grades 4 and 5, all students attend music class twice a week. During their first week, students will choose to be in one of three ensembles. Please talk your child about this decision before school begins. Here are your choices:

Band: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone and percussion

Orchestra: violin, viola, cello

Chorus: they bring their instrument with them ☺

When choosing an instrument, we encourage you to check out www.dsokids.org – “listen to” – to learn more about these instruments and hear what they sound like. If your child has a strong desire to play an instrument not listed, please indicate that interest to Mrs. Veno or Mrs. Stevens.

No previous experience is needed to be in an instrumental group. However, 5th graders may need some lessons to get caught up to others in their class if they have not previously played an instrument. We strongly encourage students to stick with the same ensemble and instrument from year to year. Any decision to switch should be made in consultation with your child’s music teacher.

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 Tuesday, September 8**. 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.

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

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.

Mrs. Veno (Band)
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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): Please wear white on top (chapel shirt or modest dressy blouse) and dress pants or long skirts on the bottom (black preferred, but any chapel attire is acceptable). Gentlemen should wear a tie. Suit coats are optional. Footwear should be nice-looking and non-distracting.

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): Ukulele

- A music fee of \$100 covers the purchase of a ukulele & case (\$75), tuner (\$10), and book (\$15). If you already own your own ukulele and case, the fee will be \$25.
- A folder
- Sharpened pencil and eraser