

Teacher Pages – Music Page

General Music

Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament offers general music to students in all grades PK2 through eighth grade, once a week. In addition, all students in Transitions through eighth grade have 20 minutes each week of music during religion.

The early education classes are focused on music and movement – being able to sing memorized music, recognize patterns, and sing as a group. Transitions through third grade learn the fundamentals of music reading, families of instruments, and important facts about composers. Fourth and fifth grades complete units on music reading that include staff, clefs, notes, rests, rhythm, pitch, and musical symbols. They also learn about instrument families, composers, and excerpts from music history.

The Aquinas Middle School (grades six through eight) completes units in music theory to include the staff, clefs, notes, rests, rhythm, pitch, and musical symbols. They also learn about the history and development of instrument families and the orchestra. The music history units focus on the Medieval Era through the present discussing the development of music notation, highlighting significant composers and their specific contributions to the music world, as well as being able to recognize and identify noted works by these composers.

Other special units include lessons on the American musical, music in movies, music for Mass, world music, and music sung in other languages. All classes learn music from a variety of genres, and many will be rehearsed for Masses, concerts, and events throughout the year. Individual classes learn special music to be sung at the Mass that they organize.

Extracurricular

AMBS Choir

The AMBS Choir, an extracurricular club, is offered on Fridays before school from 7:45-8:30 am. All students in grades one through eight are invited to join the choir, which will sing at all school Masses and various events throughout the year.

AMBS Musical

AMBS will be having a musical in the spring of 2017! Specific dates and show to be announced, and is open to students in grades kindergarten through eight. There will be auditions and a rehearsal schedule published, along with information for parents and students.