

Lancaster Catholic Grade School

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON PROGRAM

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

grades 4 - 8

Dear Parents,

Music Education prepares students for Life! Your child has the unique opportunity to get involved with their school music program, by learning how to play a musical instrument. We offer private and group lessons taught during the school day by teachers with many years of teaching and performing experience. With many of your children involved in extracurricular activities, this is a great way to provide music store or conservatory type lessons for your child, without having to cart them around to yet another activity. As you make a decision about your child's involvement in instrumental music lessons, please consider the following points:

- Music Education helps ensure the survival of cultural literacy. Music Education is part of "Getting Back to Basics". In addition to understanding words and numbers, students must be able to think creatively, by using their imagination in all kinds of problem solving. Learning how to play a musical instrument helps to develop these skills.
- Music Education helps cultivate academic skills. Analysis, concentration, and perseverance developed in music lessons are invaluable and essential in all fields of study. Music education helps prepare students for the rigorous demands of high school, college, and even adult life, by helping students to understand the importance of time management, cooperation, and expectation.
- Music Education helps develop discerning taste and an appreciation for various styles. Music is all around us – Streaming music, concerts, etc, Music Education gives the students' tools with which they can better distinguish style, quality, and characteristics of music. These abilities will help students to have a better appreciation and respect for what they hear all around them.
- The lessons of Music Education last a Lifetime! Enjoying music is one of life's great pleasures. In a world of constant pressure, music allows people to escape into reflection.
- Music Education is for everyone, not just the exceptionally talented. Over a lifetime, everyone can enjoy music. Music educators teach the joys of music to many students who will not perform once they leave school, but who still will have many opportunities to enjoy music.

Music Education helps shape our culture. Today's students will be tomorrow's parents and leaders!

Signups are completely digital this year! If you are interested in signing your student up for instrumental lessons, please fill out the following Google Form. If you are unable to access the form, please contact me @ lbenoist@lchsyes.org

Google Form -
<https://forms.gle/k3twUv8dfxWRURzR9>



There is also information regarding an instrument rental program made available to the students of our Lancaster Catholic Grade School System. We have done much research to achieve the best deal for your time, money, and convenience in obtaining a musical instrument – Menchy Music Inc. provides that for us.

Instrument Rental Link-
<https://www.menchymusic.com/music-instrument-rentals>

A one-time COMMITMENT FEE of \$60 will be charged for the music lessons. Thanks to the incredible support we receive from our LCHS community we are able to provide all instrumental lessons in our Lancaster Deanery Grade Schools for a *small fraction of the price you would pay at a local music studio*. A one-time fee of \$60 covers the entire school year's worth of lessons. If you are unable to pay the fee in one payment, you may also make arrangements with your teacher to pay in installments. We do have a limited number of funds available as scholarships. If you are in need of applying for a scholarship, we will just need to get approval from your building Principal. All checks should be made payable to: *LCHS FPA*

If your child is interested in learning how to play a band instrument, please complete the Google Form. Submit this paperwork on-line and send payment to the school office (in an envelope clearly marked Instrumental Music Lessons Fee) or mail it directly to Lancaster Catholic High School.

Forms Due FRIDAY, September 26!!!

There will be a Parent Information Meeting this year on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 @ 6:00pm. All information about how to rent instruments, signing up for lessons, how to pay, etc.. will be covered.

The instrumental music teachers will collect forms and schedule a time for your child's music lesson. They will be in contact to let your child know what time and where his/her lesson will take place.

If you need to rent an instrument Losers Music has a very easy on-line rental page. You can find the page at <https://www.mencheymusic.com/music-instrument-rentals> . A representative from Loser's Music will then deliver the instrument directly to your child's school. They are able to perform service and maintenance via pick-up and delivery at your child's school without the need for you to travel to their store.

I realize there is quite a bit of material to process here. If you have any questions at all, or are unclear about any aspect of our instrumental lesson program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Lancaster Catholic High School Fine and Performing Arts Department.

We are asking that you strongly consider the experience, and benefits students receive from participating in this particular music program. We provide a high-quality level of instruction, in a relaxed educational environment. Our music educational philosophy is deeply rooted in the "life skills" approach to teaching. Students will not only learn about playing a musical instrument, but will learn the values of responsibility, accountability, team building, and most importantly to take pride in their work and efforts.

Please encourage your child to participate in our instrumental lesson program. We, and your child appreciate your support and look forward to having them involved in our high school program. We know that you will be most proud of the "life skills" and musical ability that your child will develop.

Most Sincerely,

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