

School Music Ensembles at Immanuel...2017/2018

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Here at Immanuel, we not only value and teach the language of music, we value and pursue an even greater calling – to serve and worship our God. All of us – teachers, parents, and students alike – have been called to use our talents and to use them in a way that brings honor and glory to God.

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn...” Psalm 98:4-6

And while we may not offer instruction on the harp or the ram’s horn, each of our musical ensembles and every one of our music directors share five goals, which form the heart of our music program. The **Shared Goals** of the musical ensembles at Immanuel are... 1) to bring glory and honor to God; 2) to help each child discover and maximize his/her God-given musical talents; 3) to develop ensembles that will enrich the educational experience; 4) to strive for excellence within each musical group; and 5) to create a spirit and environment within each group that encourages creativity, cooperation, and a commitment for hard work.

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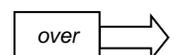
Musical Ensembles / Performance Opportunities at Immanuel

Vocal Ensembles...

- **Chancel Choir** (students in grades 5th through 8th)
 - ✓ Will perform on 2 concerts (Winter & Spring), various church worship services (see school calendar & note from the director), and will participate in the Fine Arts Festival (in spring).
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m., August – May

Handbell Ensembles...

- **Chancel Ringers** (students in grades 6th through 8th)
 - ✓ Will perform on 2 concerts (Winter & Spring), various church worship services (a note with these dates will be sent home from the director), and will participate in the Fine Arts Festival (in spring).
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., September through May
- **Chancel Chimes** (students in 4th and 5th grades)
 - ✓ Will perform on 1 concert (Spring) and various church worship services (see note from director)
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. (Starting time...sometime in January)



Band Ensembles... (for information regarding the cost/tuition to participate in band, see Mr. Gade)

- **Concert Band** (advanced band in grades 5th through 8th)
 - ✓ Will perform on 2 concerts (Winter & Spring), potentially 1 or 2 church worship services, and will participate in the Fine Arts Festival at Trinity-Roselle (in spring).
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Monday* mornings at 7:30 a.m., Sept. through May.
** All Mondays when school is in session. Some weeks where Monday is a “no school” day, the group’s rehearsal might be bumped back to that Tuesday. Notification from the director will be sent home the week before to inform parents.*

- **Intermediate Band** (students in 5th and 6th grades)
 - ✓ Will perform on 1 concert (Winter)
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., September through January. Most of these 5th & 6th grade students will also be in Concert Band, which rehearses on Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

- **Cadet Band** (beginning band students, usually 4th or 5th grades)
 - ✓ Will perform on 1 concert (Spring Concert - as the 4th grade “Cadet” group does not start until January) and a “mini-concert” in March or April (Only the Cadet Band performs on the “mini-concert”, which has not yet been scheduled).
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Tuesday*** mornings at 7:30 a.m., February – May
**** Notification from the director will be sent home the week before any schedule change occurs.*

- **7 & 8 Wind Ensemble** (some advanced 5th or 6th grade band students are often included)
 - ✓ Will perform on 2 concerts (Winter & Spring), potentially 1 or 2 church worship services, and will participate in the Fine Arts Festival at Trinity-Roselle (in spring).
 - ✓ Will meet for rehearsal: on Wednesday afternoons during the school day (8th period) from 2:26-3:06 p.m. September through May. These students will also be in Concert Band, which meets on Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Our **Commitment** to You...

As directors of the musical ensembles here at Immanuel, we promise not only to strive to meet the goals listed below, but also to be fair in our treatment of each student within each of the ensembles.

- 1) to **B**ring glory and honor to God;
- 2) to **H**elp each child discover and maximize his/her God-given musical talents;
- 3) to **D**evelop ensembles that will enrich the educational experience;
- 4) to **S**trive for excellence within each musical group; and
- 5) to **C**reate a spirit and environment within each group that encourages creativity, cooperation, and a commitment for hard work.

Signed...Mr. Gade, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Pieper, Mrs. Bartelt