

Gr. 5-8 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 2020 FAQs (8/6/19 print date)

Held at Trinity Lutheran School in Roselle on Friday, April 24th, 2020

What is the Fine Arts Festival?

The Fine Arts Festival is a day long music event on involving upper grade student musicians from area Lutheran schools. *All 5-8th grade students involved in band, handbell/handchime groups and chorus* are expected to attend this event. Upper floor teachers, music staff, and parent chaperones are together at Trinity with our students from morning to night. All of Immanuel's musicians (instrumentalists, bell ringers, and vocalists) get to be part of a group playing/singing music for a judge and/or participate in one large "mass" rehearsal/performance group led by a guest director. In addition, many individuals and small groups of musicians prepare pieces to sing or play band solos and ensembles for a small audience in front of a judge.

Where does everything take place?

Students gather early in the morning at ILS to board a bus and/or cars heading to Roselle. Upon arriving there, Immanuel students go to their "homeroom" (a classroom designated for them to gather and leave things they won't be carrying throughout the day) and get last minute instructions. Students then proceed as a group to officially open the day's events together with everyone else in Trinity's church sanctuary. After that, band, bell and choir practices and performances take place in Trinity's adjoined school and church buildings. Volunteers are positioned throughout the school to help participants find their places and help answer questions. Immanuel student participants eat lunch and dinner together in a large room together with students from a variety of schools. All judging takes place in designated rooms which will be listed on the individual's PERSONAL schedule sheet which will be given to each student by Mrs. Becker a day or two before the festival. The culminating evening concert featuring ALL student musicians is held in the gym.

Can I come to watch my child sing or play?

Absolutely! Each judging room has chairs for adults and fellow students to watch and support their fellow performers. Following the performance, judges always give positive feedback to the student/s as well as some ideas for learning and improvement. Although students are nervous, judges strive to make it a positive experience for all of the kids. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the evening concert (each family must provide their child's transportation home after the concert.)

How do I find out when my child performs?

If your child is performing a solo or is part of a small or large group or that will be judged, he/she will be given a sheet with a specific performance time the day before the festival. Sheets with the times and judging rooms are also posted on doors outside the judging rooms the day of the Festival.

What do the kids do the rest of the time?

Each festival participant is scheduled to play in a mass band or bell group, and/or sing in a combined choir. There are scheduled times for each of these groups to practice with their guest director. It is an awesome experience to be part of the blending of all of the talents of students from the different schools! There is also a scheduled supervised break for students, as well as time for lunch and dinner.

What about the concert in the evening?

The closing concert at 7 pm in Trinity's gym features performances by the mass band, handbell and choir groups, each under the direction of their guest conductor. The concert also features some of the best individual and small group performances from the day's judging. (Judges and music representatives from the schools meet after student performances to select a variety of types of music and instrumentation showcasing students from the different schools so that the concert features a cross section of talent.) In addition, artwork made by students is on display throughout the day in a room near the gym.

Still have questions after reading this sheet? Watch for a letter sent with your musician from Mrs. Becker in January. There will also be articles and links to information in the school newsletter. Contact Mrs. Cena Becker, Mr. Bill Gade, Mrs. Shelly Pieper, or Mrs. Kris Bartelt if you have further questions.

May God bless us with a wonderful day of using our talents and His gift of music to his glory!