

ILS MUSIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES 2023-24

Upper Grade Music Group Activities:

- Chorus (Thursdays at 7:30 am – grades 5-8)
- Band (Mon. or Tues. at 7:30 am – gr. 6-8 begins in fall, gr. 5 in January)
- Hand Chimes/Handbells (grades 5-6 -begins in Jan. on Fridays at 7:30am)
- Handbells (grades 7-8 – meets at 7:30 am on Wednesdays)

Chorus: The school chorus consists of select, interested members from grade levels five through eight. Students who wish to become members of the chorus are asked to sign a commitment to serve in which the student and parents agree to have the student present at all of the services and concerts in which the chorus participates.

Students who miss more than three rehearsals, services, or concerts during the season may be asked to withdraw from chorus. Rehearsals for gr. 5-8 chorus are held before school.

Members of the school chorus will take part (as a total group or as a select few) in the following activities:

- Praising God in a number of Immanuel's church services
- Performing various types of music in special concerts
- Performing at regular school music concerts
- Participating in Lutheran Schools' Fine Arts Festival

Hand Chimes/Handbells: These groups are made up of individuals from grades 5-8. The handbell and hand chime choirs perform music at worship services, special celebrations, and concerts. Rehearsals are held outside the school day.

Band: Group instrumental lessons and band rehearsals are conducted before and/or during the school day. Children in grades 5-8 are eligible. The band performs for special occasions, concerts, and contests. Parents are assessed a fee for this service.

Exceptions to the athletic/music policies may be made when warranted at the Athletic Director's, Music Director's and/or Principal's discretion.

Student Choirs: Lower grade students (gr. K-4) are part of classroom choirs which rehearse during class time during the school day. These student group choirs are

scheduled to sing periodically throughout the school year in Immanuel's weekend worship services. Children whose parent/s are Immanuel members are expected to be present to sing when their class choir is scheduled to participate at a worship service.

Since children whose parents are *not* members of Immanuel Lutheran are weekly participants in learning songs with their class during the school day, these students are welcomed and strongly encouraged to come to sing God's praises whenever student classroom choirs are scheduled to sing for a worship service.

Drama-Theatre-Musicals

- Annual musical production alternates between upper floor (grades 5-8) and lower floor (grades 1-4)

This year interested grade 5-8 students perform "Sister Act, Jr." in November, 2023.

- Annual Kindergarten Showcase in May
- Annual PreK 3-4 Program (alternating between a Christmas time and spring program)

MUSIC GROUP ORIENTATION/FEEES

Information about Immanuel's music groups, including band, chorus, and hand bells or hand chimes for upper grade students is made available at registration, at parent nights, and is also posted on the school website. This information includes a copy of the preliminary schedule for each of the groups, specific details about the groups, expectations for participation. Parents and students who take note of the information are then aware of the expectations and time commitments expected for participation in each group, and should contact the group director with further questions.

To help fund the cost of the spring Fine Arts Festival fees/bus, group music, equipment, and more, a non-refundable activity fee is typically assessed for each of the above upper grade music extra-curricular activities. One group rosters are set (by October), the annual charge for students in music groups will be reflected on a family's tuition statement for that month.

Parents of students who plan to participate in band are asked to attend a Band Orientation meeting, held early in the school year for grades 6-8 and in January for fifth grade students and other beginners.