



MUSIC NEWS

Our second year of music classes is off to a good start. I really appreciate the enthusiasm and participation of all of the students so far.

January 30 will be the Mass for Catholic Schools Week. First through sixth grade have been working on a song with sign language to go with it. There is also a hand chime part I would like to add as well. I will need 13 older students for the chimes. Before I assign parts and start working on it, I will need a firm commitment from students that they will be at this Mass. Depending on how things go, I may also need a little extra rehearsal time during lunch or after school. Most of the students in Mrs. Copeland's and Mrs. Bluntzer's classes are interested in playing chimes, so if you have a child in one of these rooms, please discuss with them whether or not they will be committed to these terms. If I have more than 13 students who want to do it, I will pick based on classroom participation and conduct. I would like to assign parts next week, so please let me know that your child definitely can and wants to do it by our music class next Wednesday afternoon.

I am also going to continue teaching the third through sixth grade how to play recorders. The third graders and students who were not here last year will need to get a recorder and book. Hopefully most students from last year have their materials. If not, they can get replacements from Collins Music Center in Victoria. They have a recorder and book for \$8.87. I don't mind if your child already owns a recorder, but I would prefer it not be the 88 cent kind that you can buy at Wal-Mart. I would like us to be able to play a song at the Christmas program, so I want good quality recorders that make beautiful sounds. If you only need the book, the cost is \$5.95. Please send the money to me and I will have Collins deliver the materials directly to the school. Checks can be made out to Collins Music. I would like this by the end of next week.

I do plan to work on a Christmas song with the handbells for the first and second grade, so that they can perform at the Christmas pageant as well.

The Victoria Symphony has a traveling musical "petting zoo" that will come to the school on Friday, February 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. All classes will be able to participate in this activity. However, we will need some parent volunteers to help with this to make it a success.

If any of you have ideas or suggestions of things you might like me to do in the classes, I would welcome this input. Also, feel free to talk to me about any questions or concerns you may have. Thanks for your support!

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