



ST. PETER MACOMB

## Music Program

**Elementary Music (K-4):** Music courses explore units in melody, harmony, rhythm, and form. Students are provided the opportunity to describe, analyze, and evaluate various and diverse pieces of music.

**5th Grade Band:** The students who are interested in playing an instrument begin instruction in 5th grade. Rhythm, fingering and notes are introduced at this level. Students are taught the fundamental skills necessary to perform on a wind or percussion instrument. Students learn instrument care, playing posture, embouchure formation, tone production, note recognition, pitch perception, and proper home practice habits. The general emphasis at this level is on the enjoyment of playing. Any student may choose to play the following instruments in 5th grade band: flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone. Students are required to rent their own instrument. Students will learn the basic components of music, such as rhythm, tone, intonation, theory and terminology as well as instrument care and maintenance.

**Concert Band 6:** Year-Long Concert Band is our beginning band class. In this class, students will learn music, basics pertaining to rhythm, tone, intonation, theory and terminology as well as instrument care and maintenance. This class will start from the most basic components of music, and no previous experience is required except for in the area of percussion. Students who participate in band will need to rent or purchase a quality instrument. Enrollment in Concert Band constitutes a commitment of the student to participate in all scheduled performances. This is a full-year class.

**Choir 6:** Year-Long Choir 6 is designed for sixth-grade students who are interested in studying singing and learning to read music. In this class, students will learn music basics pertaining to rhythm, tone, intonation, theory, and terminology as well as specific skills in the art of singing such as proper posture, breath support, and vowel placement. This class will start from the most basic components of music, and no previous experience is required. Enrollment in Choir 6 constitutes a commitment of the student to participate in all scheduled performances. This is a full-year class.

**Concert Band 7:** Year-Long Concert Band 7 is a performing ensemble designed for seventh graders that will focus on intermediate-level skills, techniques, and concepts in

music comprehension and performance. The prerequisite for this band is successful completion of 6th Grade Band. expands their musical understanding, theory, tone production and quality, rhythm recognition, and ensemble playing. The literature is increasingly challenging as they work together to play for church, chapel, Christmas and spring concerts, and perform at the annual adjudicated Lutheran Schools Music Festival and Solo/Ensemble Festival.

**Choir 7:** This class is designed for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in studying vocal music. Students will learn specific skills in the art of singing such as proper posture, breath support, and vowel placement. They will also study music theory and sing to develop skills in vocal techniques. This group participates in worship services once per quarter, the Band/Choir/Handbells Festival in March and the Spring Concert in May.

**Choir 8:** This course is designed for students who have advanced musical skills in singing and music theory. Students will learn specific skills in the art of singing, proper posture, breath support and vowel placement. This group participates in worship services once per quarter, the Band/Choir/Handbells Festival in March and the Spring Concert in May

**Concert Band 8:** Year-Long Concert Band 8 is a performing ensemble designed for eighth graders that will focus on intermediate-level skills, techniques, and concepts in music comprehension and performance. The prerequisite for this band is successful completion of 7th Grade Band. expands their musical understanding, theory, tone production and quality, rhythm recognition, and ensemble playing. The literature is increasingly challenging as they work together to play for church, chapel, Christmas and spring concerts, and perform at the annual adjudicated Lutheran Schools Music Festival and Solo/Ensemble Festival.