



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the music program at SGCS! Over several decades, our music program has been one of the highlights of our school. It is an honor and a privilege to continue the tradition of teaching students to glorify God with instrument and voice. The program continues to provide an enjoyable choral and instrumental experience for everyone. Students with a range of musical ability join together each week to learn how to produce beautiful music in a nurturing environment.

San Gabriel Christian School choirs and instrumental ensembles study a wide range of repertoire and perform regularly throughout the year. Choral instruction is based on the Kodaly approach to music education and instrumental instruction is based on the Suzuki Method. Rehearsal attendance is of utmost importance, as it equips each student with the skills needed to become a sensitive and knowledgeable musician. Personal practice time outside of school is required for all student musicians. A daily practice time builds confidence, trains muscle memory, and fosters consistency with faster results.

All ensembles will practice on campus this school year. Praise the Lord! Proper accommodations will be made to follow state and county guidelines. It is our hope and prayer that the band program will return for 3rd Quarter. Please indicate any interest in band classes on the forms attached and I will be sure to communicate updated information as the year progresses.

Kindly sign and return the attached documents to the office by **Friday, September 10th** and please feel free to reach out with any questions. It is a such joy and blessing to make music together. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

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Choral Music Program

PREP CHOIR:

Mondays, 2:45-3:30pm (Grades TK-2)

Rehearsal begins on Monday, September 13, 2021.

The Preparatory Choir is specially designed for young musicians. Students will be introduced to group singing through fun and educational songs, musical movement, and ear training based on the Kodaly approach. This choir will participate in chapel performance, music department concerts, and the Christmas musical.

*Please send a snack for your student as there will be a short break before class begins.

JUNIOR CHOIR:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:45-3:30pm (Grades 3-5)

Rehearsal begins on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Junior Choir provides singers an opportunity to refine vocal and performance technique as an ensemble. Students will learn to cooperate and work as a group to bless others with a quality and meaningful performance. This choir will participate in chapel performances, music department concerts, and the spring musical.

*Please send a snack for your student as there will be a short break before class begins.

SENIOR CHOIR:

Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:05-2:50pm (Grades 6-8)

Rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Senior Choir provides further growth and development of a student's musical abilities at a more advanced level. Repertoire is carefully chosen to motivate and enhance the students' musical range. Senior Choir will participate in chapel performances, music department concerts, and the spring musical. Students completing this course will enter high school fully prepared to participate in any choral ensemble at the freshman level.

Instrumental Music Program

BEGINNING STRINGS:

Wednesdays & Fridays, 2:45-3:30pm (Grades TK-3)

Rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Students in Beginning Strings will develop their musical ear and instrumental skill through lessons based on the Suzuki Method and its repertoire. Students will practice playing individually and as a group in preparation for more advanced ensembles. Beginning Strings will participate in various music events on campus. This class is designed for students ranging from having no prior musical experience to those with up to 2 years of string instruction.

STRING ENSEMBLE:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:05-2:50pm (Grades 4-8)

Rehearsal begins on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Students in String Ensemble will continue to develop basic musicianship and music literacy through personal and group practice. Students will analyze various composers, historical periods, and styles of music. The String Ensemble will participate in various campus music events and school functions. This class is designed for students who have more than 2 years of prior string instruction.



Music Department Rehearsal & Performance Calendar Fall 2021

Ensemble	Grades	Rehearsal Time
Beginning Strings	TK-3	Wednesdays & Fridays, 2:45-3:30pm
String Ensemble	4-8	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:05-2:50pm
Prep Choir	TK-2	Mondays, 2:45-3:30pm
Junior Choir	3-5	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:45-3:30pm
Senior Choir	6-8	Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:05-2:50pm

September

Friday, 10	Enrollment & Rental Forms Due
Tuesday, 7	String Ensemble: Rehearsal Begins Junior Choir: Rehearsal Begins
Wednesday, 8	Beginning Strings: Rehearsal Begins Senior Choir: Rehearsal Begins
Monday, 13	Prep Choir: Rehearsal Begins

November

Th-F, 11-12	All Ensembles: No Rehearsal, Parent Teacher Conferences
M-F, 22-26	All Ensembles: No Rehearsal, Thanksgiving Break
Monday, 29	All Ensembles: Dress Rehearsal, 2:45-4:00pm

December

Thursday, 2	Choral & Instrumental Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm Call Time: 5:45pm in the Sanctuary
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Note: Ensembles will not rehearse after December 2nd. Rehearsals will resume after Christmas break.

TBD	Music Department Christmas Party
Thursday, 16	TK-3 rd Grade: Christmas Musical, 1:00pm and 7:00pm

Concert Attire

Instrumental Ensembles Formal Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

Black long-sleeved collared dress shirt
Black dress pants and black belt
Long black tie
Black dress shoes and black socks

Ladies:

Black formal, *floor length* dress **or**
black dress pants and black blouse
Flat or low-heeled black shoes
Hair up (ponytail or bun)

Prep Choir Formal Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

Red polo shirt
Blue pants
Blue or black dress shoes

Ladies:

Red polo shirt
Blue pants or skort
Blue or black dress shoes

Junior Choir Formal Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

White collar long-sleeved shirt
Black pants and black belt
Scarlet sweater vest (rental from SGCS)
Black socks and black shoes

Ladies:

White collar long-sleeved blouse
Black skort and black tights
Scarlet sweater vest (rental from SGCS)
Black close-toed shoe

Senior Choir Formal Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

Black long-sleeved collared dress shirt
Black dress pants
Long black tie
Black dress shoes and black socks

Ladies:

Formal dress (rented from SGCS)
Flat or low-heeled black dress shoes
Black tights
Hair up (ponytail or bun)

All Ensembles Casual Concert Attire

Gentlemen:

SGCS music department t-shirt
Denim pants
Close-toed shoes

Ladies:

SGCS music department t-shirt
Denim pants or skort
Close-toed shoes

Please Note: The San Gabriel Christian School dress code will remain in place for all concerts and music events, *both on campus and off campus*. Please refer to the SGCS Student Handbook for specific guidelines.



Music Program Enrollment Form

Please return this form to the school office by Friday, September 10, 2021.
All fees will be billed by the school once the enrollment forms have been processed.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent E-mail Address _____

I would like my child to participate in the following ensemble:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prep Choir (Grades TK-2) | Yearly Fee: \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Choir (Grades 3-5) | Yearly Fee: \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Choir (Grades 6-8) | Yearly Fee: \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Strings (Grades TK-3) | Yearly Fee: \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> String Ensemble (Grades 4-8) | Yearly Fee: \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Band (Beginners - 2 years of experience) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Band (2+ years of experience) | |

* The yearly fee includes the SGCS music t-shirt, Junior Choir vest, and Senior Choir dress. It does not include instrument rental. Due to the school's limited rental availability, school instruments will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental stores are available upon request. Please see the rental agreement form for additional information.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Instrument Rental Agreement Form

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Ensemble _____

Instrument _____ Tag Number _____

- A \$125 fee to use a school-owned instrument for the school year will be charged through FACTS.
- By signing this form, the parents and student assume liability for the instrument.
- Upon receiving the instrument, please examine it thoroughly, noting scratches, dents, cracks, etc.
- Any damage to the instrument while on issue to the student is the sole responsibility of the parents.
- The user fee covers *only* the use of the instrument. It does not cover damage repair. The school will assume responsibly general maintenance, which will be determined by the teacher.
- Please contact Mrs. Gutierrez if the instrument needs any repairs.
- In the event of malfunction or damage during the school year, the parents will be financially responsible for any necessary repairs to the instrument.
- The instrument must be returned on or before June 8, 2022 in the same condition in which it was issued.
- Rental extensions through summer break will be available for returning students.

Parent Agreement

I understand that a \$125.00 user fee will be charged to my FACTS account for my child's instrument. I agree to the above terms. I understand that I am financially liable for any damage (accidental or otherwise) while the instrument under contract.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Students, please carefully read the following:

- Proper care includes keeping the instrument in its case when not in use and keeping the instrument from extreme heat. This means that the instrument cannot be left in the car for any length of time.
- Proper care also includes wiping down the instrument with a soft cloth after each use to prevent the buildup of rosin, sweat, or saliva.
- The instrument should only be played and handled by the student. At no time are others, including friends and siblings, allowed to touch or play the instrument.

Student Agreement

I agree to keep my instrument in the best condition possible.
I have read and understand the rules above.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Upon visual inspection, I have noted the following regarding condition of the instrument:

Please return this signed document to the school office by Friday, September 10, 2021.