

Middle School Music Electives

2010-2011

Concert Band

The St. Robert School Concert Band is open to students with one or more years of instrumental playing experience. Through weekly lessons and rehearsal classes, students will refine their musical skills by practicing a wide repertoire of fun and challenging music from classical to popular. The band will perform approximately four concerts throughout the academic year, work with renowned clinicians and professionals, and participate in solo and ensemble festivals. Members of the concert band will build a positive sense of community and accomplishment and will experience a high and rewarding level of music-making. Band members will also have the opportunity to participate in an extra-curricular jazz band.

Tuition = \$600/year, payable quarterly, + \$25 annual materials fee

String Ensemble

The St. Robert School String Ensemble program is offered in partnership with the String Academy of Wisconsin – one of the premiere string education programs in the nation. The String Ensemble will receive instruction in orchestral playing and perform at concerts, Masses, and some special events each year. The Ensemble provides a creative and stimulating experience that will nurture musical gifts while developing a sense of discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence. Chamber and orchestral music will be studied. This class is open to students who have been playing a string instrument for at least two years and are currently studying Suzuki Book 3 or above in private lessons at SAW or another Suzuki program.

Tuition = \$500/year, payable quarterly, + \$25 annual materials fee

Choir

Choir students will participate in one of two co-equal singing ensembles. Each choir explores a variety of musical styles including contemporary song, the music of other cultures, and the rich repertoire of sacred music. Members will further their understanding of music theory and learn the basics of sight reading and healthy vocal technique. The ensembles will perform at two concerts during the year and lead the St. Robert School community in liturgical hymns and sung responses at school Masses in alternate weeks. No experience is necessary. Motivated students will have an opportunity to develop cantor skills. This class is open to all students who have a desire to sing and who are motivated to study music in a ministry context.

No additional tuition or fees