

St. Catherine's School

MUSIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

In addition to classroom music, K-12, St. Catherine's School offers the opportunity for students to study specific instruments privately.

Members of the music faculty, as well as adjunct instructors, teach privately within the school's music department. Expectations for private students, regardless of their level of study, include consistent demonstration of steady and sustained improvement and progress in technical proficiency, repertoire, and performance.

TEACHERS

Cory Blake, guitar; Alana Carithers, violin; Loretta Carreras, violin; William Comita, cello; Ellis Dunton, piano; Brian Evans, violin and viola; Rachel Goldenberg, voice; Margie Heath, violin; Sally Irwin, flute; Anne James, piano; Holly Rose Jones, violin; Jennifer Lawyer-Brown, trumpet; Leslie Long, oboe; Gabriella Ryan, piano; Molly Sharp, viola; Nick Stephenson, piano; Sharon Stewart, piano; Greg Vick, organ; and Betsy Wells, piano.

FEES FOR 2009-2010 FOR 30 LESSONS: \$1,115.00 – Includes \$35.00 registration fee.

Please note the following procedures for registration and payment of fees.

- Attach \$35.00 registration fee to the Music Form and return it to the St. Catherine's Business Office. The fee is refundable if lessons are not or cannot be scheduled. The balance will be billed directly by the school.
- Two options are available for payment of fees:
 - (1) Entire amount of \$1,080.00 due October 15, 2009.
 - (2) Three installments, due as follows:

October 15, 2009	\$360.00
November 15, 2009	\$360.00
December 15, 2009	\$360.00

MOST IMPORTANT: When choosing to make payment in installments, you must indicate that choice on the registration form. If payment of fees is delinquent, lessons will be canceled.

CREDIT FOR UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

- Option I: Private lessons taken for a letter grade earn $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per year and may be used to satisfy the fine arts requirement for graduation. **Students taking lessons for credit in the Upper School may not accumulate more than two unexcused absences.**
- Option II: Private lessons taken for Pass/Fail may not be used to satisfy the fine arts requirement for graduation, nor will credit be given.
- Grades: When lessons are taken for a letter grade, the grade will be used in calculating the student's grade point average.
- Exams: A juried examination is required for each student twice a year, once in January and again in May. Students who play a juried recital will be exempt from the May examination.

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ABSENCES

Absences of any kind are discouraged; however, from time to time, they are unavoidable. Teachers are expected to give make-up lessons when they must be away and will do all they can to make up lessons missed by students for reasons of providence. Lessons missed because of school functions, e.g., special testing, field trips, required rehearsals, etc., are made up during makeup period at the end of the year as time permits. A teacher will not make up a lesson missed by a student who "forgets" or who simply does not appear for her lesson. Parents should notify teachers if a student plans to be absent from a lesson.

In cases of excessive absences, the department may recommend to parents that lessons be discontinued. In such instances, refunds will not be made.

STUDENT RECITALS

Student recitals are scheduled in each school division throughout the school year. Policies governing juried recitals are available upon request.

DROP/ADD POLICY

While students may drop or discontinue study after the year begins, the most appropriate time to do so is at the end of a trimester. Once a student begins a trimester, parents are financially responsible for that block of lessons. Refunds can be made only for trimesters in which a student does not study.

Upper School students who wish to drop or add private lessons after the school year begins must do so with the permission of the teacher and the director of music. The director of music, the student's advisor, and the director of the Upper School must sign a drop/add slip, which may be obtained from the registrar of the Upper School.

After the year begins, applicants for private lessons will be worked in as space becomes available.

Register for lessons on the following page. Keep a copy of this information for your records.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

St. Catherine's and St. Christopher's Schools have an Upper School string orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra, and we would like you to join us this next year! We rehearse once a week and we work on fun/exciting/semi-challenging music for two concerts a year. Several years of experience in playing your string instrument are necessary, and you must audition at the beginning of the school year.

Chamber Orchestra seating auditions will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 7:00-8:45 p.m. in the music building at St. Catherine's School. This is a low-key/low-pressure event, merely a seating audition (however, please try your best!). We will hear you on a first-come, first served basis. This is the first class of the year and after auditions we will have class/rehearsal. Please be present at 7:00 promptly; unexcused tardiness will mean classes will end later for all.

I will be mailing out an audition excerpt in early August. Please prepare the excerpt listed for your instrument as well as the following scales: G, D, A, C, F, Eb, and Bb. All two or three octaves. Please notify the admissions office or me at that time if you are at all interested in joining us.

Seating will be determined by your audition. Please take the time needed to prepare. We are looking forward to another great year. See you in September!

Any questions? Call Mr. Comita at 749-4265 or 288-2804 (extension 3280).

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MUSIC FORM

Enrollment for Private Lessons 2009-2010

Instrument _____ Grade for 09-10 _____

Name of Student _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Father: (work) _____ (cell) _____

Mother: (work) _____ (cell) _____

If different from above, to whom should bill be sent?

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Request for teacher:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

Please attach check for
registration fee (\$35) here.

Make check payable to
St. Catherine's School
6001 Grove Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226