

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL
MUSIC PROGRAM FOR GRADES 5 – 8
2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

CHOIR

We offer a choral component for our middle school music program. The purpose for weekly rehearsals is to improve vocal ability, to learn how to read music, and to sing modern hymns as well as learn some classic pieces. We may also add some choreography to our presentations. All choir students participate in scheduled rehearsals (during the school day) and in any scheduled performances. We perform annual Christmas and Spring concerts and join with other schools in the Hawaii Lutheran Schools Music Festival Concert as listed below. We also offer opportunities to participate in worship with Our Savior Lutheran Church once each semester and sing at an Alzheimer care home once during the year.

BAND

Our Savior grade 5-8 students may enroll in the band program. Students who want to play a band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone (euphonium), trombone or percussion) and who may not know how to read music should enroll in the beginning band. Students who have successfully completed a year of beginning band and play a band instrument should enroll in the advanced band.

Band members usually study the instrument they would like to play; however it is important to make sure the instrument properly “fits” a student. Some physical characteristics can make playing certain instruments difficult. To avoid this, the students will be asked to try playing each of the instruments in order to help students select an instrument to play. Mr. Allen Bauchle, the Band Director, will be present on the July 27th Orientation Day to help the students in the selection process.

Parents will need to obtain an instrument for their son/daughter to use. The students will receive a handout that lists the equipment and supplies needed for each instrument, guidelines for obtaining an instrument, and a list of local stores that rent, sell, and repair band instruments.

CONCERT DRESS FOR BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS

The students dress nicely for all performances. Aloha shirts and dark slacks are to be worn at all performances. Girls may opt to wear an aloha-style dress that is to the knee or longer. Dresses must have sleeves or straps that are at least 1” wide. It is preferred that the students wear dress shoes; however dark-colored athletic shoes that are in good condition may be worn if the student does not own dress shoes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BANDS

Christmas Concert.....Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Percussion Sectional Rehearsal*..... Wednesday in late February, 2:00 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal for the Music Festival Concert*.....Friday in late February or early March, 9:15 a.m.
Hawaii Lutheran Schools Music Festival Concert*.....Saturday or Sunday late February or early March
Spring Concert.....Wednesday, May 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

*The beginning band does not participate in these events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE CHOIR

Christmas Concert.....T.B.D.
Dress Rehearsal for the Music Festival Concert.....Thursday in late February or early March, 9:15 a.m.
Hawaii Lutheran Schools Music Festival Concert.....Saturday or Sunday in late February or early March
Spring Concert.....T.B.D.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Grades 5 – 8

Please complete and return this form on Orientation Day (Wednesday, July 27, 2016).

Student _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

_____ Choir

_____ Beginning Band

_____ Advanced Band



Instrument _____

Years of Experience on This Instrument _____