



ANCILLAE
ASSUMPTA
ACADEMY

FINE ARTS

In addition to students' regular weekly art and music classes, art education and music lessons and groups in the extra-curricular program are designed to promote and elevate student understanding and enjoyment of the fine arts.

Visual art class offerings are diverse in process and media and range from painting to ceramics, to sewing. Students learn the value of understanding a visual language which encourages communication through self-expression and creativity and reinforces the elements and principles of design.

Dance class offerings teach children the fundamentals of dance and creative movement with the accompaniment of song. Students build ballet, tap, and jazz techniques and develop the concentration and performance skills needed to complete several dance routines. Advanced classes incorporate various styles of dance that include Broadway, jazz, hip-hop as well as ballet and tap. These students develop performance-based skills including those necessary to be a member of a competitive dance team.

Private music instruction at AAA involves a 1:1 learning situation for each child. Student involvement and progress is documented with reports sent to parents via PowerSchool. Please note that the ages and grades listed are intended to serve as a guideline for appropriate beginning levels. Programs are available for all ages and stages of development. Any student enrolled at the Academy may come during the school day for a private lesson or may arrange for a lesson outside of school hours. Lessons are also available for parents, siblings, friend, and the general community.



TRADITIONAL CONSERVATORY PIANO

Beginning Age 5 Natural posture and hand position

Production of beautiful tone Interval and note reading

Piano students must have an instrument in order to begin instruction. An acoustic piano is preferred, however, at the discretion of the instructor, students are permitted to begin study using an electric keyboard for practice. Each instructor uses a variety of instruction, theory, and methods books.

VOICE

Beginning Grade 2

Breathing and posture

Relaxed vocalizations

Production of a natural and unforced tone

Concentration on correct intonation, phrasing, breath control, tone, and overall expression

Students in grades 5 through 8 who take a private voice lesson at AAA are required to participate in either Mixed Chorus or Service Choir.

BAND INSTRUMENTS

Beginning Grade 4

Students who take a private instrumental lesson at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy are required to participate in band beginning with 4th grade.

WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS

Beginning Grade 4

Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone

BRASS INSTRUMENTS

Beginning Grade 4

Trumpet, trombone, baritone, French horn

PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

Beginning Grade 4 (Limited Enrollment)

Basic instruction is offered in both drums and mallets. Students should indicate a focus in either drum or mallet study. Mallets will focus on classic mallet technique. Students will learn rhythmic patterns specific to style.

VIOLIN

Beginning Age 4

VIOLA, CELLO AND UPRIGHT BASS

Beginning Grade 2

Consultation on instrument sizing will be offered. Parent need not come to lessons with child, but it is highly recommended for younger students. Students will be incorporated into an ensemble as skills develop.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR, ELECTRIC GUITAR AND BASS GUITAR

Beginning Grade 2

Acoustic and electric guitars accepted.

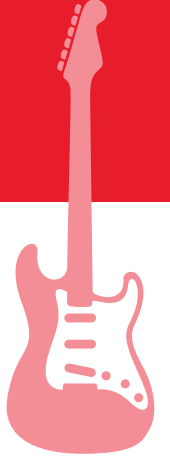
A variety of musical styles from folk to classical, to jazz to rock.

All private Fine Arts instructors are willing to assist with high school scholarship auditions and art portfolios. Students should inform their instructors of their scholarship interest before entering 7th grade. For more information, contact the Fine Arts Coordinator.





Music ensembles provide an excellent opportunity for augmenting the skills and abilities acquired through private study, in addition to fostering musical and group cohesion. Meeting weekly for group rehearsals, ensembles have the opportunity to participate in concerts, recitals, school liturgies, and community performances.



CHORISTERS

Grades 1 and 2 at no charge

Grades 3 and 4 at no charge

Choristers is a vocal ensemble designed to give young singers the opportunity

to learn the basics of healthy singing in a fun atmosphere. Students will learn to sing in parts, study music of various styles, and develop the necessary skills for singing in a choir.

ORFF AND RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Grades 3 and 4 at no charge
(Limited Enrollment)

This introductory group teaches the basics of ensemble playing including following a conductor, understanding form, rotating parts, and playing patterns. Basic techniques in percussion instruments are also introduced.

BAND

Grades 4 to 8

All students who take a private lesson in a band instrument are required to participate in one or both of the school bands. Beginning level students will comprise Beginner Band. Students whose abilities have proven the capacity to play more complex pieces will be placed in Advanced Band. Students may be required to participate in both bands during transitional periods.





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MIXED CHORUS

Grades 5 to 8

This group is open to all students who are committed to participating in a choral ensemble. Students will learn the fundamentals of choral singing including sight-reading, dynamics, phrasing and breath control. Students will sing in various languages and genres.

SERVICE MUSICIANS

Choir-Grades 5-8 Band-Grades 6-8 (No charge for this ensemble)

This group is comprised of instrumentalists and singers who provide music for school liturgies and special assemblies throughout the year. Rehearsals are held during the school day. Each group is open to all students whether or not they take lessons at AAA.

HANDBELL CHOIRS

Grades 5 to 8 (Limited Enrollment)

The Handbell Ensembles are unlike any other group where each musician is responsible for one line of music. Rather, these ensembles act as one instrument and each ringer is responsible for their own particular notes as they appear in the music. Student ringers learn proper ringing techniques including malleting, martellato, thumb damps, and tower swings. Groups are divided based on grade level and ability.

MUSIC TECH ENSEMBLES

Grades 5 to 8 (Limited Enrollment)

The Music Tech Ensemble creatively applies music technology software and hardware and explores MIDI sequencing, synthesis, music notation, audio recording and editing, and music production. Groups are divided based on grade level and ability.

SELECT MUSIC ENSEMBLES

(By invitation only)

Students for the following ensembles are chosen by directors based on their involvement and skill level in private lessons, Advanced Band, and Mixed Chorus. Students will be notified of their acceptance into Select Ensembles in September. Auditions for accompanists will also be held in September.

Chamber Ensemble oboe, flute, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, violin, viola, cello, upright bass, and keyboard

Beginner Guitar acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and bass guitar

Advanced Guitar acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and bass guitar

Jazz Ensemble alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, guitar, percussion, and keyboard

Percussion Ensemble concert percussion, mallets, and hand drums

Select Vocal Ensemble voice

String Ensemble violin, viola, cello, upright bass, and keyboard



For current offering and registration information, visit www.ancillae.org.



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