

# VCS Instrument Lessons Program



The Instrument Lessons Program is a comprehensive music program available for 4th through 8th Grade students that reinforces skills learned in the daytime music program. Over this 13-lesson semester, your child will cultivate their technical and reading skills while developing self-expression, perseverance, and self-esteem.

## **INSTRUMENT OFFERINGS**

Students must bring their own instruments to lessons (with the exception of drums), whether rented or owned.

### **Woodwinds and Brass (saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone):**

VCS recommends renting instruments from Music & Arts. Once you register, you will receive the necessary contact information. See below for rental prices for the school year (includes damage coverage):

- Flute & clarinet – \$80 + tax
- Alto saxophone – \$135 + tax
- Trumpet – \$80 + tax
- Trombone – \$80 + tax

**Drums:** In order to practice at home families can purchase a drum pad and drumsticks for a nominal fee (average of \$30). These items can easily be found at a music supply store or online.

**Guitar:** The cost of purchasing a guitar is roughly equivalent to (if not less than) the cost of renting. The price of an average beginner's guitar is around \$150.

**Bass (upright or electric):** Bases vary greatly based on size and type. If your child wishes to play bass, the teacher will work with you to help choose the right instrument.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- **When:** Lessons begin the week of January 30th
  - **Who:** 4th-8th Grade students along with Instrument Lessons Coordinator, Kristina Vaskys, and professional musicians. Click [here](#) to meet the teachers!
  - **Where:** In person at VCS
  - **Cost:** \*\$1,248 per child per semester (+ cost of instrument rental/purchase when applicable)
- \*Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Please contact [Natalie To](#) for more information

## **REGISTRATION & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Registration:** The deadline to register is Friday, January 19th.

Pending receipt, you will be contacted to arrange the lesson day and time, and will receive rental information, a calendar of lessons, and teacher contact information.

**Make-up lessons:** One make-up day is scheduled at the end of the semester for a teacher's absence. In the case of a teacher absence, the teacher will notify the parents directly by phone and email. If a student will miss a lesson, parents should contact [kvaskys@vcsnyc.org](mailto:kvaskys@vcsnyc.org) directly. Due to schedule restrictions, we regret that there are no guaranteed make-ups for student absences from lessons.

**Withdrawal:** We sincerely hope that your child will enjoy studying an instrument and will continue playing for years to come. We encourage students to continue their lessons for at least two semesters - the benefits are enormous. However, if a student chooses to withdraw from the program, notice should be made in writing directly to Kristina Vaskys. Refunds (with deductions for classes taken) will be granted before the third lesson.