

Band Newsletter

February 2024

March Mid-Winter Concert

The Spring Band Concert will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, at 2:30 pm in the St Croix Gymnasium. This concert will feature all band musicians from beginner to high school. Call time for High School students is 1:15. We will wear our formal wear. The Beginner Band and Cadet Band will have a call time of 1:45 and we ask that students wear black and white as much as possible.

A reminder that we ask students to arrive BEFORE call time to prepare their instruments and find their seats, as the call time is when we will actually start playing.

<https://www.stcroixlutheran.org/bandconcert>

Gathering Grounds

Following the band concert on Sunday, March 3rd (approximately 3:30 pm), Gathering Grounds will take place in the SCLA Commons. This is a variety show featuring musical acts of all kinds from our talented high school students. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and tables and chairs for a casual coffee-shop vibe.

Grade School Band Nights

On Monday nights we offer Grade School Band Nights for any middle school or grade school instrumentalist to come and hone their skills in a group setting.

Beginner Band and Cadet Band members meet from 6:00 - 6:45 pm and work with their ability level in the exercise books as well as on concert music.

Jazz Lab is for more advanced instrumentalists with at least one year of experience and takes place from 7:00 - 7:45 pm. We learn jazz concepts and techniques and apply them in fun jazz charts for middle school bands.

High School Dates

[March Mid-Winter Band Concert](#)

Sunday, March 3rd @ 2:30

Call Time: 1:15 pm

(Followed by Gathering Grounds)

[Night of Jazz](#)

Friday, May 17th @ 8 pm

[Spring Concert](#)

Friday, May 24th @ 7 pm

Middle School /Grade School Dates

[Grade School Band Nights](#) (Optional)

Every Monday

Beginner at Advanced Band 6 - 6:45 pm

Jazz Lab 7 - 7:45

[Mass Band Rehearsal at St Croix](#)

Friday, March 1st, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

[March Mid-Winter Band Concert](#)

Sunday, March 3rd @ 2:30 pm

Call time: 1:45 pm

[Fine Arts Festival](#) (Optional)

Saturday, April 13th

[Spring Concert](#)

Thursday, May 9 @ 7:00 pm

Association Grade Schools

Have you ever wondered what Mr. Fenske and Miss Rieke get up to when they're not at SCLA? Did you know they teach 70+ students at 7 of our association grade schools? In the few weeks before a concert, these students all come together 2-3 times to rehearse their pieces at St Croix. We are grateful to all the parents and caregivers who drive these students to rehearsals. These schools include:

- Crown of Life (West Saint Paul)
- Christ (North Saint Paul)
- Good Shepherd (Burnsville)
- Salem (Stillwater)
- St John's (Red Wing)
- Christ (Zumbrota)
- Resurrection (Rochester)

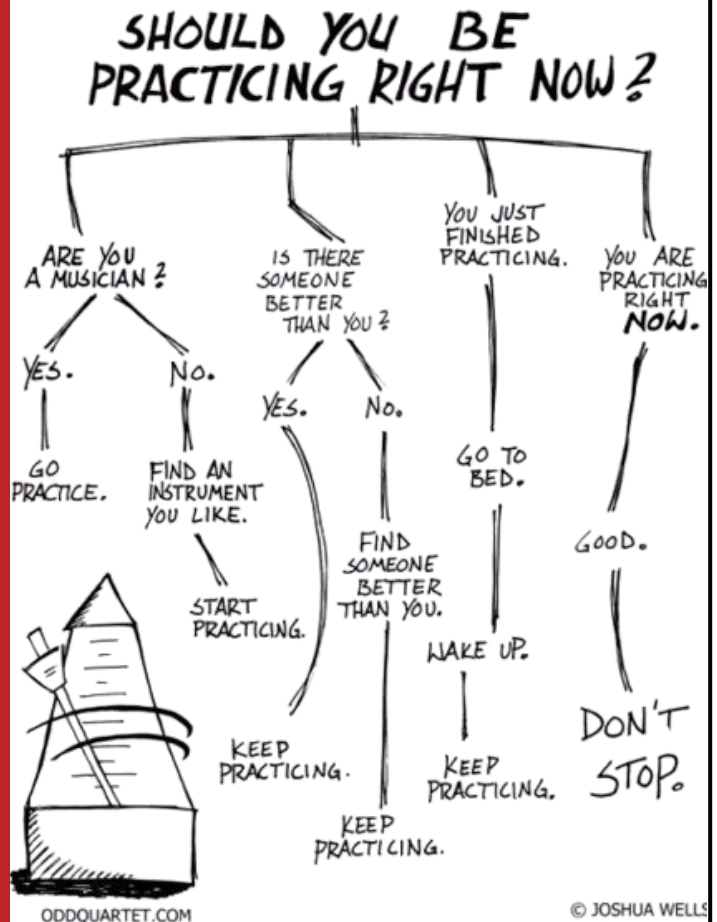
Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival at SCLA (FAFS) will take place on Saturday, April 13th. This is an optional opportunity for grade school and middle school instrumentalists, vocalists, and visual artists to perform, display, and enhance their God-given abilities in the area of the fine arts. Schools and students of the St. Croix Lutheran Academy Association and area homeschools are encouraged to participate.

Registration is due by March 22 through Mr. Fenske, Miss Rieke, or through your school. Please direct any questions or concerns to Mr. Fenske at jfenske@stcroixlutheran.org

Night of Jazz

Night of Jazz will be taking place on Friday, May 17th at 8 pm in the SCLA Auditorium. This concert will feature the Middle School/Grade School Jazz Lab and the High School Oakdale Ave Jazz Band. Join us for a night of fun music and refreshments afterwards!



Fenske Quote



"I wish your sassiness would reflect in your playing!"

*High School students enjoy writing funny or inspiring quotes on the board said by Mr. Fenske in rehearsals.