

 *Vocal Music*

*at*

*St. Joseph School* 

Expectations  
Concert Dates and Policies  
Ensemble Participation  
Music Calendar

Parents:

Please read through this packet with your child  
and sign and return the last page by  
Friday, September 19, 2018

**~ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ~  
NEW AND UPDATED INFORMATION**

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# ♪ ♪ WELCOME BACK! ♪ ♪

## Important Information about Music Class at St. Joseph School

### GENERAL MUSIC

All students attend General Music Class once per week. In general music we will learn about the music of our faith, music theory and music history. We will also explore our voices, learning developmentally appropriate repertoire to perform in concerts twice a year.

### GRADING

Classroom music grades are primarily based on class participation. Each class students can receive a daily grade of 4, 3, 2, 1 or 0. The attached rubric explains the criteria. Please read through this with your child. **Students will be held accountable for disruptive behavior that prevents other students from learning.** I don't ask that every child love music class. I only ask that they respect it.

### CONCERT ATTENDANCE

All students in every grade perform in two concerts yearly, in December and May. All students are expected to attend the two classroom music concerts held in December and May. **Only DOCUMENTED illness from school or family/weather emergencies will be excused. Absence for athletic games, practices, dance or other extra curricular activities, will not be excused. The concert is considered a performance assessment for Music Class. All students in grades 3 - 8 that do not attend will be required to "make up" the concert by singing the concert music for me at a later date. FULL CREDIT WILL ONLY BE RECEIVED BY STUDENTS THAT ATTEND THE CONCERT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONCERT.**

#### Marking Periods 1 & 3

Participation - 100%

#### Marking Periods 2 & 4

Participation - 80%

Concert Attendance - 20%

**~ MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW ~**

**~ Christmas Concert ~**

**December 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Church**

**~ Spring Concert ~**

**May 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Church**

Concert Dress – students do not need to wear their uniforms.  
They should be dressed up. Please, no jeans or sneakers.

# MUSIC CLASS

## PARTICIPATION RUBRIC

4 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows directions promptly and cheerfully</li> <li>• Does not talk during instruction</li> <li>• Listens when teacher talks and watches music as appropriate</li> <li>• Sings out strongly, and with effort</li> <li>• Makes excellent contribution to class</li> </ul>
3 90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows directions promptly and cheerfully</li> <li>• Sometimes talks during instruction</li> <li>• Listens when teacher talks, and watches music as appropriate</li> <li>• Sings out with effort</li> <li>• Makes good contribution to the class</li> </ul>
2 80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slow to follow directions</li> <li>• Frequently talks during instruction</li> <li>• Has to be reminded to stay on task</li> <li>• Exerts minimal effort in singing</li> <li>• Contributes minimally to the class</li> </ul>
1 70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very slow to follow directions</li> <li>• Frequently talks during instruction or causes other disruption / distraction</li> <li>• Needs constant reminder to stay on task</li> <li>• Sleeps</li> <li>• Contributes very little to the class</li> </ul>
0 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not follow directions</li> <li>• Frequently talks during instruction or causes other disruption / distraction</li> <li>• Does not participate</li> <li>• Does not follow directions</li> <li>• Contributes nothing to the class</li> </ul>

# Music Calendar 2018 – 2019

## September

Choir Begins: 3 – 5 Choir begins on September 17 2:30 – 3:00 PM  
6 – 8 Choir begins on September 18 2:15 – 3:00 PM

## November

2 & 3 NYSSMA Junior High Area All State Chorus at Wayne Central School

## December

12 SJS Christmas Concert – 6:30 in St. Joseph’s Church  
ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 8 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.  
CONCERT PARTICIPATION COUNTS FOR 20% OF THE GENERAL  
MUSIC GRADE IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

## January

19 GWMEA Vocal Solo Festival at Batavia Middle School

## February

2 GWMEA Instrumental Solo Festival at LeRoy Central School  
13 GWMEA Chorus Prelim rehearsal at Batavia High School  
27 GWMEA Band Prelim rehearsal at Attica Central School

## March

29 & 30 GWMEA All County Festival 1 at Batavia High School  
(Elem Chorus, JH Band, SH Chorus)

## April

5 & 6 GWMEA All County Festival 2 at Attica Central School  
(Elem Band, JH Chorus, SH Band)

## May

22 SJS Spring Concert – 6:30 in St. Joseph’s Church  
ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 8 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.  
CONCERT PARTICIPATION COUNTS FOR 20% OF THE GENERAL  
MUSIC GRADE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

## June

3 3 – 5 Choir party in the Music Room 2:30 – 3:00  
4 6 – 8 Choir party in the Music Room 2:15 – 3:00

# The Music Class Rules are:

Make good choices

Use kind words

Show respect to others

Immediately follow directions

Care for instruments and materials

See the attached rubric for more information about Class Participation grading.

Please sign below with your children and return this page to school by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark the concert dates for your records.

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**I have read and understand the Music Class Rules and Concert Attendance policies.**

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Preferred email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_