

August 10, 2009

Dear Parents/ Guardians and Students of St. Mary's School,

Welcome to our school music program! I am very happy to be a part of the St. Mary's staff for another school year. To begin, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have been teaching music for thirteen years, specializing in instrumental music. My husband Griff and I are the proud parents of a 5-year-old son Gavrie, (who is entering Kindergarten here), 4-year-old daughter Kathryn, and 2-year-old daughter Mikaela. I am very excited to be a part of your child's learning experience, and I know that we will have a successful and fun year!

Rules and Classroom Procedures:

Music is a class where there are opportunities for children to express themselves verbally, physically, and emotionally. In order to ensure that every child receives the opportunity to do this it is important that the Music Classroom Rules be followed out of respect for learning. Please review the rules with your child.

1. Walk into the Music Classroom quietly.
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
3. Work and speak with respect to others.
4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
5. Enjoy your time in class!

If you choose to break a rule

K- 5th grade

1st time: warning

2nd time: 5-minute time out of activity

3rd time: 10-minute time out of activity and a note to your parents. (Parents need to sign and return.)

4th time: student removed from activity for remainder of class, behavior note sent home, apology required.

5th time: Sent to principal. *Severe Clause- any severe disruption (fighting, cheating, etc.) will result in being sent to the principal's office immediately for further disciplinary actions.

6-8th grade

1st time: verbal warning

2nd time: same day lunch detention

3rd time: same day lunch detention & a phone call home

4th time: 1 hour after school detention

Music Class Rewards:

1. Praise for following directions and participating correctly.
2. Good notes home.
3. Stickers and hand stamps for playing correctly and singing properly.

Grading for Music Class

1. Participation in movement, singing, and playing instruments.
2. Bring necessary materials to class when asked to bring them- pencil, paper, recorder.
3. Attitude and effort.
4. Concert Attendance. All students are expected to be at their concerts with the exception of grave circumstances. Concerts give students closure to the work they have done, and a great sense of accomplishment and pride for themselves and their classmates.

Every year the students and I have a great time together as we learn new and creative songs. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of their learning experience!

Sincerely,

Amy Watkins- music

Please return the bottom portion and save the Music Classroom Rules and Procedures for your file.

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Music Classroom Rules and Procedures Form
Due: Friday, August 14, 2009 to Mrs. Watkins

Student(s) Name(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

I have read the Music Classroom Rules and Procedures form and understand them.

Student Signature(s) _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

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Teacher signature: _____ Date received _____