

Why Music?

Music is a Science

It is exact, specific, and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

Music is Mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, and not worked out on paper.

Music is History

Music usually reflects the environment and periods of its creation, often even the country and ethnic origin.

Music is Physical Education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sounds the ear hears and the mind interprets.

MUSIC IS ALL OF THESE THINGS, AND MUSIC IS ART

WE TEACH MUSIC:

*So you will be human,
so you will recognize beauty,
so you will be sensitive,
so you will be closer,
to an infinite beyond this world,
so you will have more love,
compassion, gentleness, more good,
In short...so you will have more life.*



The Kenmore Town of Tonawanda School District has received the NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.



Lessons for Life!

Vision Statement

As certified music educators, we are firmly committed to providing children with knowledge of music and its elements, ensuring life-long skills for active participation in the arts, and developing abilities to understand and appreciate music.

Student Quote's:

"Music is like childhood. You never forget how fun it was."

"Music brightens up my day"

"It makes the world a better place!"

"Music is awesome to listen to, and it can be inspiring!"

"It's a way to have fun and meet new people."

"Music makes me feel free and away from my problems."

"Music is happiness. Music is words I can't say."

"Music! I love it, I cherish it, and I breathe it. It helps me focus when I am doing homework and gets me in the zone before dance competitions. I have no idea what I would do without music."

"It helps with stress and anxiety"

Music is important because it is a way of life"

"It gives you the opportunity to express yourself"

"Music is important because it is fun!"

"Music is important because it is a universal language. You may not speak the same language as someone, but music is a language that everyone understands."

"Being a part of a music ensembles is being a part of a team. What you learn will prepare you for the real world"

COURSE OFFERINGS

Elementary Music

- ◆ **Students in grade K-2 receive general music two times each week.**
- ◆ **Students in 3rd grade receive one recorder class and one general music class each week.**
- ◆ **Students in 4th grade receive one general music class each week and 1 chorus rehearsal. They also have the opportunity to join Band or Orchestra.**

Middle School

- ◆ **10 weeks general music in grades 5-6. 20 weeks for gr. 7**
- ◆ **Chorus**
- ◆ **Concert Band**
- ◆ **Orchestra**

High School

- ◆ **AP Music Theory**
- ◆ **Chorus**
- ◆ **Band**
- ◆ **Orchestra**
- ◆ **Music In Our Lives**
- ◆ **Theory 1**
- ◆ **Theory 2**
- ◆ **IB Music**

Extracurricular music activities:

- ◆ **Jazz Band**
- ◆ **Pep Band**
- ◆ **String Ensemble**
- ◆ **Musicals**
- ◆ **Darien Lake Music Festival**
- ◆ **Guest Artist Concerts**
- ◆ **NYSSMA Music Festivals**
- ◆ **All County Music Festival**
- ◆ **Area All-State Music Festival**
- ◆ **All-State Music Festival**
- ◆ **Buffalo State Honor Band**
- ◆ **Capital University Honor Band**
- ◆ **New York State Band Association (NYSBDA)**
- ◆ **Vocal Solo Night**
- ◆ **Percussion Ensemble**
- ◆ **Special Education Music Club**
- ◆ **BPO Community Spotlight Concerts**
- ◆ **Tri-M**
- ◆ **Music Performance based trips**
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