

PERFORMING ARTS



DESIGNED TO INSPIRE CREATIVITY, FOSTER SELF-EXPRESSION, AND CULTIVATE AN APPRECIATION FOR THE ARTS IN STUDENTS OF ALL AGES.

As a dynamic and integral part of student life, students are required to enroll in music classes. We believe this gives them the chance to explore different aspects of the arts and discover what they enjoy. As students progress into the upper grades, the program expands with a more comprehensive range of performing arts choices, allowing them to further hone their craft and dive deeper into their passions.



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All students through grade 8 are required to enroll in at least one music class each year, building a strong foundation in music appreciation and technique. As students move into grades 8 and 9, additional opportunities allow them to deepen their skills and explore new areas of musical interest, from orchestra to music history.

For those looking to take their performance experience to the next level, Rectory offers a range of optional large performance and auditioned ensembles. These electives focus on preparation for in-school performances while teaching essential skills like ensemble collaboration, stage presence, and critical listening to appreciate and evaluate music in meaningful ways.

Beyond the classroom, students have the opportunity to audition for prestigious regional and state music festivals, including the Connecticut Music Education Association's Eastern Region High School Music Festival and the Quinebaug Valley Middle School Music Festival. These events provide students with the chance to connect with fellow musicians and perform on a larger stage, expanding their musical experiences and building confidence.

The performing arts department resides in the P.Y. & Kinmay Tang Performing Arts Center and the George S. Brewster Odeum, which offers a music classroom, lesson and practice rooms, and instrument storage in addition to the 236-seat Scripps Auditorium.



THE SPRING MUSICAL

Our full-scale spring musical invites all students to get involved, regardless of experience. Whether you dream of performing on stage, working behind the scenes, or learning the technical aspects of lighting and sound, the musical offers a hands-on opportunity to explore the world of theater. Additionally, for students interested in the design side of productions, the set design elective is where students can contribute to building the stage and creating the visual elements that bring the show to life.

PRIVATE LESSONS ON CAMPUS

For more personalized instruction, Rectory offers an extensive private lessons program. Available for an additional fee, these one-on-one lessons in voice and instrument provide tailored support to help students reach their full potential.

RECENT OFFERINGS:

FIFTH GRADE MUSIC: AN INTRODUCTION TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
SIXTH GRADE MUSIC: DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TECHNIQUES
GUITAR
INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
INTRODUCTION TO ACTING
OCARINA
UKULELE
WORLD DRUMMING
JAZZ ENSEMBLE (AUDITION)
ORCHESTRA
CHORUS
RECAPPELLA (AUDITION)
SPRING MUSICAL