

Music Selection for Grades 5-8

Learning and performing music is important to each child's academic development ([Read here for more information](#)). Because of this, Beginning Band, Advanced Band, Ring Praise Handchimes, and YOUth Praise Choir are deemed to be "co-curricular." Lessons and rehearsals take place during the school day. **Note:** When you sign up for music choices online, they will be under "Other Extra-Curricular Activities."

Below is a summary of the current music structure in grades 5-8. Each student needs to select at least one of the three options. Some students can handle two of the options. Students may consider being involved in band AND either choir or chimes if they have an interest in developing their talents in more than one area, but because of rehearsal schedules, students cannot be in both Choir and Handchimes.

Music Choice	Lessons / Rehearsals	Performance Opportunities	Fees	Directors
Beginning Band and Advanced Band	The <u>Beginning Band</u> lessons and group rehearsals are held on Mondays. The <u>Advanced Band</u> lessons are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with group rehearsals on Wednesdays. Lessons range from 20 minutes for individuals to 30 minutes for groups of 2 or 3 of the same instrument family. Lessons are held during the school day.	There are three regularly scheduled performances for band members: The Winter Band Concert (December 5), the Lakeside Lutheran High School Fine Arts Festival (March 28-29), and the Spring Band Concert (May 14). Students will be encouraged to play in church as the opportunities present themselves.	All band costs, are included in your 2020-21 tuition costs.	Mr. Justin Bessert
Ring Praise Handchimes	Rehearsals are held on Mondays and Thursdays during the school day. PLEASE NOTE: A handchime choir requires a very specific number of ringers. Every effort will be made to give all interested students the opportunity to ring. If this is not possible, you will be contacted so that you can choose another option.	The Handchime Choir plays in worship services at St. Matthew's and also takes part in the Winter Band Concert (December 5) and the Spring Band Concert (May 14).	All hand-chime costs are included in your 2020-21 tuition costs.	Mrs. Joy Elowski
YOUth Praise Choir	Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays and Fridays during the school day.	The YOUth Praise Choir sings often in worship services at St. Matthew's and also participates at the Lakeside Lutheran High School Fine Arts Festival (March 28-29) as well as the Winter Band Concert (December 5) and the Spring Band Concert (May 14).	All choir costs are included in your 2020-21 tuition costs.	Miss Elizabeth Johnson