



SUBJECT: Orchestra

GRADE LEVEL: Grade 7-10

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SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-24

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Middle school orchestra is offered to beginning sixth-grade students and seventh and eighth-grade intermediate and advanced students. This course aims to enhance, enrich, and build a solid instrumental music foundation of performance skills. The courses are performance-based, allowing students to showcase their talents in class and out of class in small and large group performances. The curriculum is comprehensive for all orchestra instruments and facilitates growth at all levels of skill and talent. The Dominican international school aims to instill a lifelong love of music and playing in our students.

Topics and skills covered include:

- Posture and tone development
- Counting, timing, and rhythmic development
- Reading and notation skills, including sight reading
- Basic music theory
- Development of an extensive vocabulary of musical terms and symbols
- Ear training and listening skills
- Instrument care and maintenance
- Effective practice habits

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Creating:

Improvise, compose, and arrange music within specified guidelines.

Performing:

Sing alone or with others. Perform on instruments through a varied repertoire of music, alone and with others. Read and identify elements of notated music.

Responding:

Listen to, analyze, and describe music. Respond to music and music performances of themselves and others.

Connecting:

Understand relationships between music, other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOK & OTHER RESOURCES:

- Essential Elements
- Selective orchestra music sheets are:
 1. *Moana*
 2. *We don't talk about Bruno*
 3. *Eyes of the tiger*
 4. *The final countdown*
 5. *Michael Jackson hits*
 6. *Havana nights*
 7. *Celtic Air tune*
 8. *Disney favorites*
 9. *Lord of rings*
 10. *Sound tracks from Harry Porter*
 11. *A Jazzy Christmas*
 12. *Feliz Navidad*
 13. *Christmas classic*
 14. *Christmas Eve*
 15. *Polar express*
 16. *Others will be added according to studnets' level.*

ASSESSMENT:

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1ST QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 10th to 11th <u>Only 2 School Days</u> <i>10 ~ First Day / Orientation Day</i>	Orientation of teacher and students
Week 2 Aug 14th to 18th <i>15 ~ Opening Mass</i>	Basic music theory. Clef, staff, barline, time signature, key signature, and notes
Week 3 Aug 21st to 25th	SCALES: C Giving of music pieces and materials.
Week 4 Aug 28th to Sep 1st	QUIZ on scales. Practice of music piece
Week 5 Sep 4th to 8th <i>8 ~ Holy Mass & VIP Induction</i>	SCALES: F Practice music piece
Week 6 Sep 11th to 15th <i>12-14 ~ Pre-Exam Days</i>	QUIZ on scales. Practice music piece
Week 7 Sep 18th to 22nd	Scales C/G/F
Week 8 Sep 25th to 29th <u>No Classes</u> <i>25-28 ~Teacher's Conference</i> <i>29 – Moon Festival Holiday</i>	Exam on scales and part of the music piece.
Week 9 Oct 2nd to 6th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>5-6 ~Q1 Exams</i>	First Quarterly exam

2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 9th to 13th 3 Days of Class <i>9-10 – Double 10 Holiday</i>	Practice music piece
Week 2 (11) Oct 16th to 20th	Scale: D major Practice the music piece
Week 3 (12) Oct 23rd to 27th	Scales Bb Major Practice the music piece
Week 4 (13) Oct 30th to Nov 3rd <i>1 - All Saint's Day Mass</i>	Quiz on scale Practice the music piece
Week 5 (14) Nov 6th to 10th	Sight reading lesson Practice music piece
Week 6 (15) Nov 13th to 17th	Sight reading lesson Dynamics (p, pp, ppp, f, ff,fff, <, >)
Week 7 (16) Nov 20th to 24th	Quiz on sight reading and dynamics Practice music piece
Week 8 (17) Nov 27th to Dec 1st	Scale A major Practice music piece
Week 9 (18) Dec 4th to 8th <i>8 - Foundation Day Celebrations</i>	Scale Eb major Practice the music piece
Week 10 (19) Dec 11th to 15th 3 Days of Class <i>14-15 ~ Q2 Exams</i>	Scales D/Bb/A/Eb major Practice the music piece
Dec 18th to Jan 1st	Christmas Break

3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 3rd to 5th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>4 ~ New Year Mass</i>	Articulation lesson: slur, tied, staccato, and phrasing Practice music piece
Week 2 (21) Jan 8th to 12th	Articulation lesson: slur, tied, staccato, and phrasing Practice music piece
Week 3 (22) Jan 15th to 19th	Quiz on articulation and phrasing Practice music piece
Week 4 (23) Jan 22nd to 26th	Lesson octave. Learn to play the octave higher and octave lower sign
Week 5 (24) Jan 29th to Feb 2nd	Quiz on octave Practice the music piece
Week 6 (25) Feb 5th to 9th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>8-9 ~ CNY</i>	Quiz on music piece.
Feb 8th to 16th	<h3>Chinese New Year</h3>
Week 7 (26) Feb 19th to 23rd <i>19 ~ Lenten Mass</i> <i>21-23 ~ Pre-Exam Days</i>	Practice the music piece Review all the lesson of the third quarter
Week 8 (27) Feb 26th to March 1st <u>4 Days of Class</u> <i>28 ~ 228 Memorial Day Holiday</i>	Music Exam : articulation , phrasing, octave and music piece
Week 9 (28) March 4th to 8th <u>4 Days of Class</u> <i>8 ~ Q3 Exams</i>	Third quarterly exam

4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) March 11th to 15th <u>4 Days of Class</u> <i>11 ~ Q3 Exams</i> <i>12 ~ Q4 Begins</i>	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
Week 2 (30) March 18th to 22nd <i>18-21 ~ Fire Drill</i>	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
March 25th to Apr 5th	<h3>Easter Break</h3>
Week 3 (31) Apr 8th to 12th <i>10 ~ Easter Mass</i>	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
Week 4 (33) Apr 15th to 19th	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
Week 5 (34) Apr 22th to 26th <i>22-26 ~ AP Mock Exams</i>	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
Week 6 (35) Apr 29th to May 3rd <i>1-2 ~ Pre-Exam</i> <i>1-10~ Final Exams (K, 5, 8, 12 only)</i> <i>4/29 – 5/10 ~ AP Exams</i>	<u>Sight reading practice</u> Practice music piece
Week 7 (36) May 6th to 10th <i>1-10~ Final Exams (K, 5, 8, 12 only)</i> <i>4/29 – 5/10 ~ AP Exams</i>	Minor exam
Week 8 (37) May 13th to 17th <u>2 Days of Class</u> <i>15-16 ~ Q4 Exams</i> <i>17 ~ Record Day</i>	Exam review
Week 9 (38) May 20th to 24th <u>ACTIVITIES:</u> <i>Double check the school calendar and emails from the administration.</i>	----- <i>20-24 ~ Student Clearance Days</i> <i>21 ~ Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating classes</i> <i>22 & 23 ~ Middle & High School Sports Day</i> <i>23 ~ Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4 Recognition/Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion</i> <i>24 ~ Gr. 6 – 7 Recognition and Gr. 8 Graduation</i> <i>24 ~ Lower School Sports Day</i>
Week 10 (39) May 27th to 31st <u>ACTIVITIES:</u> <i>Double check the school calendar and emails from the administration.</i>	----- <i>27 ~ House Culminating Activity</i> <i>28 ~ Gr. 9-11 Recognition and Gr. 12 Graduation</i> <i>29 ~ Class Party</i> <i>30 ~ Last Day of School & Report Card Distribution (half day)</i> <i>31 ~ Teachers/Staff Meeting</i>