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## Immaculate Conception School Music 2021-2022 HANDBOOK





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## Immaculate Conception Music Handbook

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Mrs. C. Ceaser

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September, 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to IC music. I am so excited to be your music teacher again this year! There is so much musical learning and growing that we have been working on, and I am looking forward to continuing all of that with you.

This year will hopefully be a bit more normal than last year, but things are still subject to change. In our music classes we will be following guidelines from the ministry, school, and BC Music Educators Association to make sure that we are safe while we learn music. This handbook has been created to explain and define this year's expectations for students and parents so you can get right to enjoying music. Please read this handbook carefully.

Music classes will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ceaser



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## Student Expectations

### CLASS RULES

#### Rules:

#1 Listen and Follow Directions

#2 Raise your Hand

#3 Be Nice

If these rules are not followed, the following consequences will occur. If a student continues the behaviour after the first warning, they will be given a time out. If the behaviour continues a third time then parents will be contacted.

#### Consequences:

#1 Warning

#2 Time Out

#3 Parents contacted



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## KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1, GRADE 2

- Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands before and after each music class, and before and after playing instruments.
- Students will be sharing instruments, or items in class, and singing, based on current guidelines from the ministry and the BC Music Educators Association.
- Music is so important for mental health, stress relief, and self expression. **Please encourage music at home** through singing, individual instruments and/or lessons.
- **Please email me** throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.



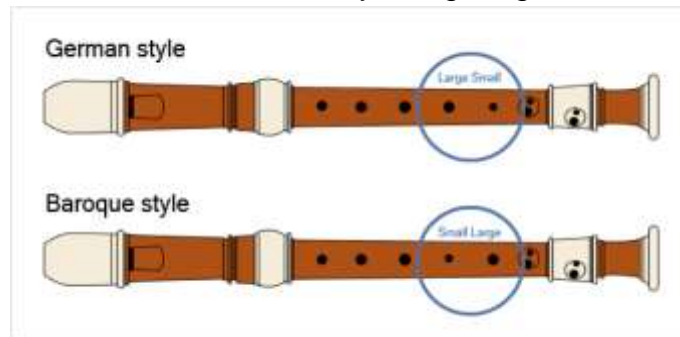
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## GRADE 3, 4, 5

- Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands before and after each music class, and before and after playing instruments.
- Students will be sharing instruments, or items in class, and singing, based on current guidelines from the ministry and the BC Music Educators Association.
- Grades 4 and 5 will most likely begin using **recorders on September 29th (Grade 3 will start recorders in January). If you bought one from the school, it will be given to you in class.**
- Recorders should be ordered through the school office so that they are the same, which gives our classes a unified sound. They are \$7 and part of the school fees. However, you are permitted to bring a different recorder from home, as long as it is a soprano recorder, with German style fingering.



- **Recorders must be in a case/bag** when travelling to and from class. The **student's name needs to be clearly written on the bag.**
- **Recorders should live in a student's backpack.** They come out to practice or rehearse in class and then immediately return to the backpack. This helps to ensure that recorders are not lost or forgotten.
- Recorders should be wiped down every day after playing, and **thoroughly cleaned each week, on Wednesday evening**, after music class that day.



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Recorders can be washed with water and soap, and can even be put in the dishwasher.

- **Recorder Testing:** Testing will be done digitally using video recordings. Students have the option of filming themselves at home, before the test date, or being filmed by a partner at school. These will be submitted and marked through google classroom. Students are welcome to re-do video tests from home, after they have practiced.
- **Follow the google classroom weekly** for assignments, tests and updates



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## GRADE 6 and 7

- Students will be expected to wash or sanitize their hands before and after each music class, and before and after playing instruments.
- Students will be sharing instruments, or items in class, and singing, based on current guidelines from the ministry and the BC Music Educators Association.
- **Ukulele will begin September 18th**
- Each student will be assigned a ukulele in class. This ukulele will be shared with one other person in the opposite class within gr 6/7. Students are welcome to bring their own ukuleles from home, and this is completely optional. If you bring your own, you are responsible for the care of your instrument and you will not be permitted to share with another student. A purchasing guide is included below.
- There will be the option of **borrowing a ukulele from the library** this year, just for grades 6 and 7. This process will be the same as borrowing a book. There will be a fee if items are lost or damaged. Students are not allowed to tune the borrowed ukuleles until instructed in class (see next bullet). I will happily tune the ukulele before it goes home, just bring it to me once you have borrowed it from the library.
- **Ukulele tuning** will be taught in class. Students are not permitted to tune school ukuleles until they have permission from me. Students are permitted to tune ukuleles they have brought from home, but are also welcome to ask for help from me.
- **Ukulele tests:** Testing will be done digitally using video recordings. Students have the option of filming themselves at home, before the test date, or being filmed by a partner at school. These will be submitted and marked through google classroom. Students are welcome to re-do individual tests by filming themselves at home. A group re-do may be possible in class, just ask.
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- *If you choose to buy your own ukulele, which is not required, I recommend one of the following options:*

- Denver Soprano Ukulele “Duke” \$47.99 from Long and McQuade
- Kala Soprano Ukulele “KA-15S” \$86.99 from Long and McQuade

You may wish to buy one from other suppliers. If so, I’d like to recommend the following criteria:

- Wood, not plastic wherever possible
- Make sure the tuning pegs have gears, otherwise the tension from the strings causes them to immediately turn back out of tune
- Purchase your musical instrument from a *music store*. (Not Costco or Amazon)
- If you are looking to purchase, I’m happy to help. Please contact me.



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## Extra Curricular



### CHOIR

Choir will be continued this year, and will take place at lunch time on Mondays. Choir will be more of a commitment this year, and students are expected to continue rehearsals and performances for the time they have signed up for. Students can choose to commit to Remembrance Day and Christmas choir from **September-December**, and/or you can choose to commit to **January-June**. The start date will be announced to students as soon as possible.



### MUSICAL THEATRE

I am pleased to announce that musical theatre will be reopening this year with Aladdin Jr. Musical Theatre class is open to students in grades 5, 6 and 7. I am especially pleased to announce that it will now take place during the school day. Class will be on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30, which is over the lunch recess period and half an hour afterwards.

Students who will be in grade 5-7, who are interested, will need to commit to Wednesdays at lunch recess, potential Saturday mornings in April and May, and our Wednesday and Thursday performances in May. Students are requested to bring a change of comfortable clothes (such as P.E strip) and a water bottle to classes.



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