

Middle School Announcements: (as of 8.25.10)

MUSIC:

5-8 graders will be trying/playing instruments in music class the week of August 23-27. From there, they will decide what instrument they would like to play for Beginning Band. With parent permission, they are then able to come **Tuesday, August 31, 2010 to Instrument Rental Night from 6-7pm**. This is an opportunity for parents/students to come up and rent/buy an instrument from Meyer Music Company. It will be held at OLP in the Etue room. Meyer Music will be there with instruments to rent out or sell. This way you do not have to make the trip out to Meyer Music or another music facility to rent an instrument. Please come and support the band program by encouraging instrument playing.

Bands will then start up in September. **Advanced Band** will be offered for students who were in Beginning Band last year or have been taking lessons privately.

Choir auditions will be Thursday, August 26th after school. I have a sign-up sheet outside my door for a general idea on times. If that's too late of notice, just let me know and I can arrange a time to hear your student. It only takes a minute to hear each student's voice.

Choir will start Monday, September 6th @ 7.15am.

Beginning Band will start Tuesday, September 7th @ 7.15am.

Advanced Band will start Wednesday, September 8th @ 7.15am.

For Siblings... K-2 Program: October 19, 2010 @ 2pm. OLP Auditorium. Come hear our fall/Halloween songs and fun!

ART:

Art education is a multi-dimensional process, which involves teaching students that the visual arts is a representation of human experiences, culture and emotional expression, a comprehensive and varied documentation of history, I.E., a rich visual time line; a visual interpretation and communication of the universe. The cornerstone of art education is to transform students into visual interpreters via creative experiences. These experiences are designed to produce dynamic and inventive problem solving abilities, which blossom into a lifelong exploration of the visual world and hones original, imaginative learning. The study of the visual arts provides students with the empirical vehicle to learn and express art history's concrete and abstract qualities into tangible ideas and concepts with an individual flare.

My philosophy regarding art education is a marriage of teaching the foundational components of art, e.g. color wheel theory, the art elements and art principles, art history (articles and movements/styles, composition, techniques, viewing, interpretation, evaluation, analysis and criticism of art, and incorporating multi-medias to create artwork, in order to develop a strong appreciate regarding the significant impact art has rendered on the human psyche.

The main objective of the Our Lady of the Presentation's art program is to provide students the opportunity to explore the multi-faceted history of art that inspires creative ideas and products, and develop a true appreciation, in terms of creating art, viewing, interpreting and evaluating art, exploring art history and recognizing the connection between art and cultural/social influences, expressing personal emotions and reactions to art and applying various processes, components of art and medias to express each student's unique individuality.

PE

K-2nd grade will have many activities focused on spatial awareness and learning how to affectively use their bodies in exercise and space. Many of the activities they will participate in will involve learning proper techniques with stretching and how to co-exist in space with other classmates while moving.

3rd-5th graders will have more activates that focus on better fine tuning the motor-skills they have developed in the past and the skills they are currently learning. The students will also begin recognizing the components of health-related fitness such as, muscular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility.

6th-8th graders will begin perfecting motor skills with exercise while being able to analyze, identify, and explain what the benefits are to develop a lifetime fitness plan for themselves. The students will also be able to self assess their physical output as well as active heart rate when exercising.