

# Instrumental Music at St. Mary CSS

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## The Pros of Being a Music Student

Music is an amazing program that opens up many doors in the future. Studies have shown that music students score better at mathematics, and are more likely to be accepted into medical school than a student who does not have any musical experience ([www.amc-music.org](http://www.amc-music.org)). Music students learn to work collaboratively while still perfecting their own skill sets.

Besides being a great character building experience, music programs offer experiences that can last a lifetime. Being involved in music gives you the opportunity to make new friends, and build long lasting relationships.

## The Pros of Being a Music Student at St. Mary

The Music program at St. Mary is unlike any other. Students have to opportunity to be part of choirs, concert bands, and jazz ensembles. Courses (both instrumental and vocal) are offered for students grades nine through twelve. There are also advanced classes for experienced instrumental students.

Every year, the music students at St. Mary go on exciting trips. This year, our senior band is travelling to Boston in May. In addition, we are proud to announce that our Senior Band has been invited to compete in Music Fest Canada in Niagara which means our students will be competing against other students from across the country. Each year, the music department puts on a concert in which the community can appreciate the hard work of the students. Should you be interested in seeing all of the great talent at St. Mary, our spring concert will be Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm in the school cafetorium: tickets will be \$5. Please contact us to put tickets aside for you as we sell out quickly!

Despite all of the hard work, the students in music have lots of fun. They broaden their horizons, meet new people, conquer new challenges, and above all, learn and appreciate the joy that the fine art of music offers.

## Grade nine beginners

Grade nines in beginner instrumental music have the opportunity to play the following instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone (Alto, Tenor, Baritone)
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- French Horn
- Bassoon
- Tuba
- Percussion

## Please Note:

All music students are required to participate in one performance ensemble. For grade 9 students, they will be required to participate in Junior Concert Band which one early morning a week at 8am. Attendance at band practices and the concert is worth 5% of the student`s final mark.

## What course should I take?

AMI101- Beginner music, no experience necessary. We teach you how to read music and play an instrument.

AMI102- Experienced music: have already played one of the instruments in a concert band, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, euphonium, tuba or percussion for at least one year.

### What happens if I cannot fit it into my grade 9 schedule?

If you happen to be in French Immersion or have some other course conflicts, it does not mean you cannot start music later. We have a grade 10 beginner course too! AMU201

Any questions??? Please speak with Mrs. Clarridge or Mrs. Puccia by email or call us at the school. We want you!!!

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