



St. John's Lutheran School

Strings and Piano Program

St. John's is pleased to provide the opportunity to expand your child's education in the Fine Arts by offering lessons in violin, viola, cello and piano. We are very privileged to have Mrs. Ada Ignatov, owner of the Music Moment music studio, as our instructor. (See reverse side for Mrs. Ignatov's credentials.)

The following information is provided to help you as you consider this program for your child.

Where and when will lessons be held?

Lessons will be scheduled once a week during the school day at St. John's. Your child will be given a schedule so they know what day to bring their instrument to school. (If you opt for after-school lessons, you will need to contact Mrs. Ignatov for fee information.)

How long will each lesson be?

For **piano**, there is an option to take 15 minute or 25 minute lessons. The shorter lesson period is best for younger students, in particular.

For **strings**, we can only offer 25 minute lessons, as time needed for instrument preparation and tuning makes it difficult for a shorter period.

What is the cost of the strings program?

Students taking 15 minute lessons (piano students only) during school will be charged \$300.00 per semester and students taking 25 minute lessons (strings or piano) during school will be charged \$450.00 per semester. This includes 14 -16 private lessons plus two group lessons. The cost of renting or buying an instrument will be an additional charge.

Where do we get an instrument and what is the cost?

Instruments can be rented or purchased. Mrs. Ignatov can help you with a purchase. Instruments can also be rented from Kagan & Gaines in Forest Park or Luscombe Music in Elmhurst for a low monthly fee.

Will my child have the opportunity to perform in a recital?

Yes. There will be two recitals planned each school year with students performing solo as well as group pieces.

Will my child miss class because of their lessons?

Yes, however, we work with the classroom teachers to make sure students do not miss vital information or anything the teacher feels each individual child cannot afford to miss.

Mrs. Ada Ignatov received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance and Teaching from the Music College at Moscow State Conservatory in 1978.

She went on to receive her Master's Degree in Music Performance and Teaching from the Russian Gnesins' Academy of Music in 1985.

Since 1985, Mrs. Ignatov has experience performing, teaching and conducting at various music schools and orchestras in Moscow and, since 1994, in the Chicago area. This includes positions at the Suzuki Academy in Chicago, Village Music Guild of Chicago, Music Makers in Western Springs, Walther Lutheran High School, the Lombard Park District, and the Little Lambs Scholastic Academy in Chicago. She currently owns her own music studio, Music Moment, in Countryside, where she teaches private lessons in piano and strings.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
STRINGS and PIANO PROGRAM CONTRACT: 2015-2016 (1st Semester)

Student Information (please print):

First Name Last Name Grade Level

Check one: ☐ Beginning Student ☐ Experienced Student

Instrument Years of experience

Parent information:

Mr./ Mrs. First names Last Name

Street Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Agreement:

I, the parent of _____, permit my child to receive instrumental music lessons at St. John's Lutheran School through a representative of Music Moment, Inc. I agree to provide a suitable instrument for my child and encouragement to him/her to take proper care of that instrument and practice on a regular basis.

The cost per semester is \$300.00 for 15 minute lessons and \$450.00 for 25 minute lessons. There will be 16 lessons in the first semester, and one recital. (See information sheet for these guidelines.)

My payment for the **first** semester is included. Make checks payable to Music Moment. I understand that there are no refunds for lessons missed by students or if a student drops out of the program before the end of the semester (all students are encouraged to continue lessons through a full semester).

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Band Program

Students from 4th through 8th grade are eligible to participate in our band program. St. John's contracts the staff of Walther Lutheran High School to teach private and semi-private band instrument lessons here at school, as well as full band rehearsals one day per week at school.

Additionally, band students are part of the Southwest region Lutheran Schools in the Chicago area and play together with students from other schools in concert three times per year.

Specific information about fees and scheduling will be available at registration in August. All fees are payable at the beginning of the semester. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call the school office.



Other Opportunities for Artistic Expression

We strongly believe in raising up a new generation of Christian disciples who use their gifts in service and praise to Jesus. Therefore, we are always looking for ways to broaden students' experiences, encourage leadership and add another level of growth development.

As they advance in skill, students who take **piano, strings** or **band instrument** lessons, or **dance** lessons, either at St. John's or elsewhere, may be asked to play with the church orchestra along with adults (including some professional musicians) at various concerts and/or worship services. Dancers may be able to perform as part of worship services, concerts or school musicals on some occasions as well. Some students may even have a chance to serve as assistant handbell directors, or be given leadership roles in other settings.

We always look for ways to help kids soar.

