

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that promotes life-long learning, responsible citizenship, academic excellence, and sharing the Good News and love of Jesus Christ.



P.E. Teacher: Mr. Ellison

EDUCATION

Associates of Arts in Vocal Performances from BYU, Idaho
Bachelors of Music Education from Idaho State University
Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Portland State University

How My Faith Influences Teaching

Interesting enough, faith is at the center of my musical philosophy. I believe that music is a language of the spirit. It is a unique and profound gift from God to help us not only understand one another, but to communicate ourselves on a grandly spiritual level. To understand music and to utilize it in our daily lives is to enhance and strengthen our personal relationships with each other and with our Father in Heaven.

VCS WELCOMES YOU!

Come explore our campus; a place where students from Preschool through 8th grade have an opportunity to fulfill their potential within a safe and supportive academic environment.



VISITATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MUSIC CURRICULUM



Cultivating faith through academic excellence, arts and athletics in the Catholic tradition since 1883.

VISITATION'S MUSIC PROGRAM

All students are given the opportunity to perform in a yearly Christmas musical and a Spring musical. Students in grades 5th-8th grade have an opportunity to participate in choir on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school.

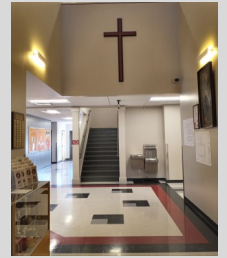


OVERALL GOALS:

- Become fully literate in the language of music, including both sight reading and notation
- Learn to sing and to recognize the concepts of pitch and tuning as they apply to singing
- Listen to, analyze, and evaluate various genres of music
- Learn the basic eras of music history and the characteristics that distinguish them
- Participate in musical activities that revolve around music of varying cultures
- Participate in performances and learn basic theater skills
- Be able to integrate music with other subjects

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Visitation Catholic School is dedicated to the four-fold principles of Catholic education: message, service, community and worship. In accordance with these purposes, we are committed to the building of a Christ centered community of students. We believe all who participate in the process have vital and distinct roles.



KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE

- Learn to match pitch and recognize a basic beat
- Begin to understand the difference between beat and rhythm
- Learn the different instrument families and recognize instruments by sound
- Prepare and perform in the Christmas and Spring musicals

3RD GRADE - 5TH GRADE

- Demonstrate the ability to perform a rhythm while maintaining a steady beat. Learn to sing more musically, actively employing the concepts of dynamic, musical punctuation and appropriate tempo
- Learn to perform on instruments as an ensemble with contrasting parts
- Fourth graders will learn to play the recorder in the spring. Fourth and fifth graders participate in basic composition projects
- Understand music in relation to history and varying cultures
- Demonstrate fundamental improvisation skills
- Prepare and perform in the Christmas and Spring musical

6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE

- Listen and analyze music on a complex level
- Read and notate music
- Compose music, including the Spring musical composition project for the 7th and 8th grade classes
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic stage terminology
- Participate in the school choir
- Demonstrate ability to perform both independently and corporately in a musical ensemble



**5TH-8TH GRADERS CAN JOIN THE
SCHOOL CHOIR. THEY MEET
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AFTER
SCHOOL**