



## *Academy of the Sacred Heart Music Program*

Dear KH Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

Over the past two school years, we have built a very successful music program as reflected in our Christmas and Spring concerts. Two years ago, we started a new instrumental music program, more suited to our boys interests and a changing musical landscape. Kensington Hall offers music instruction with contemporary instruments used in popular music. These instruments include: electric guitar, electric bass guitar, keyboard, piano, drums and percussion.

**Fifth grade** marks the year when musical instruction becomes more specialized; the skills the students have learned through the fourth grade are reinforced and expanded upon in a more sophisticated way. To that end, all fifth graders in Kensington Hall will be in Beginning Band. At the start of the school year, fifth graders will have the opportunity to see the instruments up close and ask questions about what it's like to play each. All students will rotate through the instruments, getting a chance to play them and learn the basics. I will individually evaluate each student to determine which instrument he is **best suited to play**, based on size, physical characteristics that will help/hinder student success and overall interest. Once I have placed the students with an instrument, they will stay with that instrument for the school year. **Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students** may matriculate to intermediate or advanced band classes based on individual competencies.

McCourt's Music, located in Berkley, MI, provides instruments for our program and ongoing service. There is a one-time instrument fee of \$150. Please make checks payable to Academy of the Sacred Heart. Please submit your payment, along with the required Kensington Hall forms, on Tuesday, September 5 at Registration Day.

If you have questions concerning these classes, please feel free to contact me.

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