



Music Instruction Registration

Private music instruction is available at Schools of the Sacred Heart at a cost of \$900 per year for students in PreK 4 through 12th grade. Lessons are taught before, during, and after school, depending on the division in which the student is enrolled. Enrollment is limited; please sign up early.

Instruction is offered for the following instruments:

Piano – Piano lessons include music theory, sight reading, music history, and composition. Students must have a piano or keyboard at home to practice on. Students are encouraged to enter local piano festivals and to perform in school activities.

Guitar – Guitar lessons can include rock, pop, country, or classical music, depending on the student's interests. Students must bring their own guitar to every lesson. A wooden acoustic guitar or any kind of electric guitar is acceptable. Plastic (toy) guitars are not suitable for music lessons. Students are encouraged to perform in school activities.

Bass Guitar – An essential instrument in rock, pop, and country bands, the electric bass guitar is quite easy to learn (though not recommended for students under age 9). Students will learn standard bass lines as well as the basics of improvisation. Students must have their own bass guitar and bring it to every lesson.

Violin – Violin lessons will be taught using a mix of reading music, music theory, and learning "by ear." Students can choose to focus on classical violin repertoire, Cajun or country fiddling, or a combination of these. Students must have their own size-appropriate violin and bring it to every lesson. Students are encouraged to perform in school activities.

Voice – Voice lessons include proper breathing technique, clear enunciation of lyrics, and vocal projection. Basic note reading, rhythm counting, and ear training are also essential elements of music study for singers.

Cajun Accordion – Students learn the 10-button Cajun accordion and study the two-steps, waltzes, swamp pop, and zydeco songs still played in Louisiana dancehalls today. Students must have their own accordion (preferably in the key of C) and bring it to every lesson.

5-String Banjo – Students can study bluegrass style using steel fingerpicks, old-time folk style using the bare hands, or a combination of the two. Students must have their own banjo and bring it to every lesson.

Drums – Students enjoy a fun but traditional approach that encourages improvisation on rock and pop songs as well as more technical concepts like tempo and time signature. A drum set to practice on at home is highly desirable but a student can also start out on a rubber "practice pad."

Please provide complete information below:

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ School (circle) **Academy - Berchmans**

My child is a:

Beginner Intermediate, years taken _____ Advanced, years taken _____

New SSH music student –or– Returning music student, teacher is: _____

Select Instrument(s):

Piano Guitar Bass Guitar Violin Voice Accordion Banjo Drums

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____