

# Instrumental Music Department



## Developing a lifelong love of music

Cathedral High School's Instrumental Music Department believes music strengthens, illuminates, and transforms lives. We believe in fostering a holistic growth for all instrumental music participants. Through their involvement, students will not only develop what we hope will be a lifelong love and practice of music, but nurture growth and maturity in the areas of teamwork and self-discipline, which are skills that can be applied throughout life.

## All students are welcome

We welcome students of all abilities and skills, and we work to emphasize performance fundamentals, strive to develop musical talents and skills, and enrich students' lives by giving an appreciation for other cultures through the use of music from many genres.

## Marching Band and Guard

The "Pride of the Irish" is the largest and most visible Cathedral band program. All band students also participate in Concert Band, Pep Band, and ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Contest. The marching band has been a traditional favorite at the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade and St. Patrick's Day Parade. Over the past 22 years, the band has also performed in Louisville, KY; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Disneyland, Anaheim, CA; Disney World, Orlando, FL; on a Royal Caribbean cruise; Toronto, Canada; Honolulu, HI, and Dublin, Ireland. The "Pride" has performed at district, regional and state marching band competitions, festivals, and athletic events. In the past 22 years, they have received the highest Group I ratings at all Indiana district marching and concert contests. Many of our outstanding musicians are selected each year to participate in the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest, the Ball State University High School Honor Band, the IMEA Honor Band, the Indiana All-Star Marching Band and the Indiana All-State Band.



## Orchestra

The Cathedral Orchestra is a challenging and fun program designed to enhance each student's understanding of and appreciation for different types of music. No matter the level of your student, the Orchestra offers students the opportunity to learn, improve, and excel. Orchestra students enjoy unique educational opportunities, such as going to the International Violin Competition every four years, and even bringing in a finalist from the competition to teach a master-class. The CHS Orchestra gives back to the community by performing annually at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen.

## Jazz Ensemble

Cathedral students may also choose to participate in Jazz Ensemble, which offers exposure to yet another type and form of music.





## ISSMA Competitions and Honor Bands

Students have the opportunity to audition for and participate in the IMEA Honor Band, Indiana All-State Band, Ball State University Honor Band, Honor Band, the Indiana All-Star Marching Band and ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest.



## Performance Trips

With nearly 110 musicians and guard members each year, our marching band entertains crowds at football games and Indianapolis parades, our pep band brings spirit and enthusiasm to girls' and boys' basketball games and our concert band takes the stage in December and May for Christmas and Spring musical galas.

"The Pride of the Irish" is the instrumental musical ambassador for Cathedral High School with a large number of performance opportunities for the students. Our band has traveled and performed at the following venues:

1998 - Toronto, Canada  
 1999 - Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY  
 2000, 2008, 2016 - St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland  
 2001, 2007, 2015 - Cincinnati, OH  
 2002, 2012 - King Kamehameha Parade and at the USS Missouri Battleship, Honolulu, HI  
 2003, 2011, 2019 - Purdue University Band Day  
 2004 - Royal Caribbean performance cruise  
 2005 - Hollywood Christmas Parade, Hollywood, CA  
 2010, 2014, 2018 - Magic Music Days, Disney World, Orlando, FL  
 2016 - Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, TN

In May of 2020, the band will be returning to Hawaii to play at the USS Missouri Battleship on Memorial Day.

## Concerts and Performances

Cathedral bands and ensembles are showcased in three shows annually, and student talents are utilized at the annual ShamrAuction, Cathedral's premiere fundraising event. Additionally, the groups are invited to perform at functions and events throughout the city.

## Outreach

Cathedral instrumental musicians use their talents in myriad ways throughout the school year, providing music for veterans in the city's annual Veteran's Day Parade, and offering a music ministry one Saturday per semester at one of the area's homeless shelters.

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