



OLPH – Fine Arts

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Dear OLPH Parents:

Welcome back to school! Once again we have a challenging and exciting drama and music program scheduled for the fall.

Pre-school, T-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grades will begin preparing for their Christmas concert December 15th--time and place TBD. Seventh and Eighth grade choirs along with the Drama club will perform their Christmas concert and showcase December 14th--time and place TBD. Second through Fifth grades will be learning songs in preparation for this concert as well. The band students will be performing on a different date (contact Mr. Ortega for details). In the classroom, besides learning songs, kindergarten through 5th grade will learn beginning music theory in an effort to strengthen skills in preparation for violins in the 5th grade and band in the 6th.

In an effort to encourage involvement, the choir leading our weekly student masses will be composed of a single grade of students; the grade leading mass music will alternate each month. Mass music will be taught during class time and students are encouraged to sign up to sing a solo.

The Drama Club is open to all students in grades 4 through 8. Students will need a permission slip which can be found online or by contacting Mrs. Watts directly. Rehearsals are held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the music room at Garces, and will begin on August 30th. Please make a note that there will be NO DRAMA ON FRIDAYS. Not all students will be required to attend every rehearsal depending upon the schedule, which will be sent out every other week. Additional rehearsals may be added and/or the current rehearsal time extended as we get closer to performance time. This year our first production will be a Christmas showcase of monologues and short plays, featuring topics and plots developed by the students. To do this, we will focus on improvisation and other acting techniques. Auditions will be September 8th, 9th and 10th at the music room at Garces from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

I look forward to working with your students as we begin a new and exciting school year!

God Bless,

Crystal Watts