



OLPH – Fine Arts

124 Columbus Street
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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 Dec. 11th, in our school's cafeteria at 9:00 am. The Drama club and 2nd through 5th grades will be performing "*A Christmas Line*" on December 20th location TBA. The band students will be performing on a different date, (contact Mr. Ortega for details).

In the classroom, besides learning songs, kindergarten through the 5th grades 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 4th through 8th. 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. 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. 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 Line*". (if you've seen "*A Chorus Line*", well, you get the picture!) Auditions will be September 10th, 11th and 12th 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