

# MUSIC

## St. Michael Arts Advantage Program



### Facility:

- 2-story, acoustically constructed Music Room equipped with:
  - ✓ 3 sound-reduced practice rooms
  - ✓ Concert Band Instruments
  - ✓ Full percussion section
  - ✓ Piano
  - ✓ Musician Posture Chairs & Stands
  - ✓ Sound System
  - ✓ Connected to stage
- Vocal & Piano Keyboard Room equipped with:
  - ✓ six 3-tiered performance risers
  - ✓ individual electronic keyboards (weighted keys with stands, pedals and headphones)

### Advantages of a Music Education

This program emphasizes the creation and performance of music at a level consistent with previous experience. Students will develop musical literacy skills by using the creative and critical analysis processes in composition, performance, and a range of reflective and analytical activities. Students will develop their understanding of musical conventions, practices, and terminology and apply the elements of music in a range of activities. They will also explore the function of music in society with reference to the self, communities, and cultures.

### Extra-Curricular Activities & Annual

Thunderbeats Junior Concert Band (Grade 9 and 10)

Thunderbeats Senior Concert Band (Grade 11 and 12)

Thunderbirds Junior Concert Choir (Grade 9 and 10)

Thunder's Echo Chamber Choir (All Grades)

Guitar Club (All Grades)

- Annual Music Trip (Ex. Orlando, Myrtle Beach, New York, Boston) with WorldStrides Heritage Music Festival
- Annual Music Retreat (Cedar Glen YMCA)
- Family & Friends Bowling Fundraiser
- Ontario Vocal & Band Festivals
- MusicFest (Nationals)
- Elementary Feeder School Performances
- Singing for Seniors (Choirs)
- Christmas & Spring Concert
- School Masses & Liturgies

### Enhancements

- Toronto Symphony Orchestra interactive workshop
- Canadian Opera Company workshop & show
- Guest Artists (some examples): *Amanda Tosoff (Humber College Jazz Pianist)*, *Karen Burke (Director of York U Gospel Choir)*, *John Liddle (Director of Etobicoke Community Concert Band)*
- Regional & National Competitions

### Arts Advantage Music Courses

Gr. 10 – Instrumental Music (AMI 2OM)

Gr. 10 – Vocal Music (AMV 2OM)

Gr. 11 – Instrumental Music (AMI 3MM)

Gr.11 – Music and Computers (AMM3M)

Gr. 11 – Small Ensembles (AME 3MM)

Gr. 12 – Instrumental Music (AMI 4MM)

Gr. 12 – Music for Creating (AMC 4MM)

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## Arts Advantage Program

### Mission Statement

The St. Michael Arts Advantage Program is committed to delivering an enriched Arts program for students interested in Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Through Christ, our faculty adopts a holistic approach to the arts by integrating learning from diverse experiences within each craft. As a foundation, students are trained in discipline-specific techniques. Performance is an integral part of the curriculum and students are given various opportunities to display their skills, passion, and God-given talents. Through numerous course enhancements and cross-curricular collaboration, our students are exposed to industry standards that provide them with education beyond the classroom and inspire them to become life-long learners.



### Enhancements\*

- May include workshops, guest artists, field trips, competitions, and additional materials required to augment learning (Ex. Toronto Symphony, Sears Drama Festival, Bedazzled Dance Competition, Encaustic/Stained Glass workshop)
- \$50 fee is used to *subsidize* the cost of program enhancements.

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### Application Process

- 1) Download Arts Advantage Application from school website and submit by indicated deadline.
- 2) Select two courses in chosen discipline on My Blueprint
- 3) Interview with teacher
- 4) If accepted into program, return Acceptance Package completed and signed, with enhancement fee.