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## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>School Year</b>	2025-2026
<b>Subject</b>	Music
<b>Grade Level</b>	Grade 1
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In Grade 1, students will discover the foundations of music through playful exploration. They will engage in kinesthetic, aural, and visual experiences introducing them to the three core artistic processes: performing, creating, and responding. Students will study rhythm, melody and harmony, form and style, and vocal, instrumental and ensemble skill development to receive a comprehensive musical learning experience. Curwen hand signs are used for solfege and Gordon rhythm syllables are used for reading rhythm. The study of music sets a foundation for lifelong participation in and appreciation of music, and reinforces skills needed for many of life's responsibilities.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** By the end of the semester/school year, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

#### Listening and Responding:

- actively listen to experience and explore how music from a range of cultures and genres can convey ideas, experiences and emotions.
- Foster an appreciation for diverse musical styles through active listening and movement activities.
- Express emotions and creativity through musical improvisation and basic composition.

#### Performing:

- Realize artistic ideas and work through individual or ensemble performances or presentation
- Develop rhythmic and melodic skills through clapping, singing, and basic instrument playing.
- Collaborate with peers in ensemble activities to enhance teamwork and musical communication

#### Creating:

- Explore basic musical notation and symbols, laying the foundation for reading and interpreting simple musical scores.



- b. Develop artistic ideas through music-making while connecting to historical, contextual, and personal events communication.

### PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Quaver Music, Kodaly Songs, musical instruments, toys for musical games

### GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

1. Quarter Exam- (30%) - Written exam and Practical exam
2. Homework and Projects (30%) - Worksheets, portfolios, seatwork, individual or group project performances
3. Quizzes (30%) - Pop Quiz, Graded Recitation, Practical test
4. Department Grade (10%) - (Based on the School's SLOs.)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

**Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.**

### First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<b>Week 1</b> (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Welcome to Music Steady Beat



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<p><b>Week 2</b> (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt &amp; Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up</p>	<p>Strong and Weak Beats</p>
<p><b>Week 3</b> (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting</p>	<p>Meter of 2 and 4</p>
<p><b>Week 4</b> (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony</p>	<p>Meter of 3</p>
<p><b>Week 5</b> (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary &amp; VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start</p>	<p>Changing Meters Practical Assessment</p>
<p><b>Week 6</b> (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline</p>	<p>Practicing Rhythm</p>
<p><b>Week 7</b> (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration &amp; 26- Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p>The Ostinato</p>
<p><b>Week 8</b> (September 29 to October 3)</p>	<p>Minor Exam</p>



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<p>29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly)          Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	
<p><i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day          Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i></p>	

### Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i></p>	
<p><i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 1 (11)</b>  <b>(October 13 to 17)</b>          13- Second Quarter Begins          13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester          14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer)          15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline          15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep          17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam</p>	<p>The Four Different Voices</p>
<p><b>Week 2 (12)</b>  <b>(October 20 to 24)</b>          20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly)          20- Campus Safety Talk for Students          24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)</p>	<p>My Voice is an Instrument</p>
<p><b>Week 3 (13)</b>  <b>(October 27 to 31)</b>          29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip          Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp</p>	<p>Sing and Breathe          (Practical Assessment)</p>
<p><b>Week 4 (14)</b>  <b>(November 3 to 7)</b>          3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly)          5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep</p>	<p>Introduction to Lines and Spaces</p>



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<p><b>Week 5 (15)</b>          (November 10 to 14)          14- Health Week          14- VIP-Parent Learning Community</p>	<p>Lines and Spaces: We're Getting Into the Treble Clef</p>
<p><b>Week 6 (16)</b>          (November 17 to 21)          17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month          21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest</p>	<p>Lines and Spaces          Pitches and Intervals</p>
<p><b>Week 7 (17)</b>          (November 24 to 28)          24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly)          24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon)          25-27- Pre-Exam Days          27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff          27- Thanksgiving Family Day          28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</p>	<p>Melody          What is a melody?          What is a song?          Melodic Patterns and Directions</p>
<p><i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 8 (18)</b>          (December 1 to 5)          1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly)          3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep          5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry)          5- Christmas Fair Whole Day</p>	<p>Minor Exams</p>
<p><b>Week 9 (19)</b>          (December 8 to 12)          8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day)          8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception          8- Second Week of Advent          10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion          11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p>Notes and Rests          Kinds of Notes and Rests</p>
<p><i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i></p>	
<p><i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i></p>	



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### Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
<b>Week 1 (20)</b> (January 5 to 9)  5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	<b>Notes and Rests</b> Pitches and Rhythm Written Assessment
<b>Week 2 (21)</b> (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	<b>Tempo</b> The 3 Basic Tempos
<b>Week 3 (22)</b> (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	<b>Tempo</b> Which tempo is best?
<b>Week 4 (23)</b> (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	<b>Tempo</b> Fast and Slow
<b>Week 5 (24)</b> (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	<b>Dynamics</b> Loud and Soft
<b>Week 6 (25)</b> (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	<b>Dynamics</b> Getting Softer, Getting Louder
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	



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<p><b>Week 7 (26)</b>  <b>(February 23 to 26)</b>          23-26- IOWA Assessments          23- Student Council Application          24-26- Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b>Changing Dynamics</b></p>
<p><i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 8 (27)</b>  <b>(March 2 to 6)</b>          3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep          6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test</p>	<p><b>Minor Exams</b></p>
<p><b>Week 9 (28)</b>  <b>(March 9 to 13)</b>          13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p><b>Major Exams</b></p>

**Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content**

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><b>Week 1 (29)</b>  <b>(March 16 to 20)</b>          16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)          16-20- Faculty &amp; Staff Yearbook Photo          17- Fourth Quarter Begins          18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference          19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph          20- Parents Learning Community Meeting          20- Kindilympics          20-House Movie Night and Club Fair</p>	<p><b>Instruments</b>          The Strings Family</p>
<p><i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 2 (30)</b>  <b>(March 23 to 27)</b>          23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews          26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11          27- Lower School Readers Theatre</p>	<p><b>Instruments</b>          The Percussion Instruments</p>
<p><i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i></p>	



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<p><b>Week 3 (31)</b>  <b>(April 7 to 10)</b>          7- Spring University Fair          9- Easter Mass          9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students</p>	<p><b>Instruments</b>          Classroom Percussion Instruments</p>
<p><b>Week 4 (32)</b>  <b>(April 13 to 17)</b>          13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly)          13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities          13-17- Class Photo Taking          17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test</p>	<p><b>Form</b>          AB Form</p>
<p><b>Week 5 (33)</b>  <b>(April 20 to 24)</b>          20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week          24- Music Recital          20-24 Student Council Campaign          20-24 AP Mock Exams</p>	<p><b>Form</b>          ABA Form</p>
<p><b>Week 6 (34)</b>  <b>(April 27 to 30)</b>          27- Student Council Elections          27-30 Senior Project Presentations          28-30 Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b>Form</b>          The Repeat Sign</p>
<p><i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 7 (35)</b>  <b>(May 4 to 8)</b>          4- May Crowning &amp; Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly)          4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, &amp; 12 Only)          4-15 AP Exams</p>	<p><b>Minor Exams</b></p>
<p><b>Week 8 (36)</b>  <b>(May 11 to 15)</b>          13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day)          14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days</p>	<p><b>Review Rhythm</b>  <b>Notes and Hand Signs</b></p>
<p><i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students)          Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 9 (37)</b>  <b>(May 18 to 22)</b>          18- Gr. 5 Recollection &amp; Mass</p>	<p>20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School)          18-21 WIDA Testing          19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 &amp; 7 School Field Trip          19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation"</p>



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<p><b>Week 10 (38)</b> <b>(May 25 to 29)</b> 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten &amp; Gr. 1 - 4, 6 &amp; 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, &amp; Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten &amp; Gr. 1 - 4, 6 &amp; 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, &amp; Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting</p>

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