



Dominican International School  
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## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>School Year</b>	2025-2026
<b>Subject</b>	Music
<b>Grade Level</b>	Grade 3
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In Grade 3, students refine their musical abilities by reading and performing more complex rhythms and melodies. Creative expression flourishes as students compose their musical pieces, exploring various instrument families and experimenting with different sounds. The course introduces the element of harmony, where students harmonize melodies, further enhancing their vocal and instrumental skills. They engage in collaborative projects, creating compositions that showcase their creative talents. Cultural and historical connections are woven into the curriculum as students explore the classical musical style period. Through guided activities, students develop an acute ear for the intricacies of music and its role in society.

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

1. Engage in critical listening, identifying and describing musical forms and structures in various pieces.
2. Develop basic harmony skills by singing or playing in two-part ensembles and rounds.
3. Analyze and discuss music from different cultures and historical periods, recognizing stylistic characteristics.
4. Create original compositions with guidance, incorporating elements of melody and rhythm.
5. Participate confidently in group performances, demonstrating improved ensemble skills.
6. Perform rhythmic and melodic patterns with increased precision, accuracy, and expressiveness.
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### PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Quaver Music, Music Play Online, 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	<b>Welcome To Music</b> <b>Class Rules and Expectations</b> <b>Meter Signs</b>
<b>Week 2</b> (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	<b>Beat: Ostinatos</b> Practical Assessment



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<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><b><u>Singing:</u></b> Identifying Different Voices</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><b><u>Singing:</u></b> The Musical Alphabet</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><b><u>Singing:</u></b> Rounds and Canons 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><b><u>Melody</u></b> Lines and Spaces Melodic Direction</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><b><u>Melody:</u></b> Extended Pentatonic Scale</p>
<p><b>Week 8</b> (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p><b>Major Exams (half day)</b></p>
<p><i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i></p>	



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### Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
<b>Week 1 (11)</b> (October 13 to 17) 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	<b>Introduction to the Classical Period</b>
<b>Week 2 (12)</b> (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	<b>Characteristics of Classical Period Music</b>
<b>Week 3 (13)</b> (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	<b>The Classical Period Composers and Orchestra</b>
<b>Week 4 (14)</b> (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	<b>Notes and Rests</b> 8th and 16th Notes
<b>Week 5 (15)</b> (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	<b>Notes and Rests</b> Whole Note and Whole Rest
<b>Week 6 (16)</b> (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play	<b>Notes and Rests</b> Assessment: Writing Notes and Rests



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Writing and Performing Contest	
<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	<b><u>Dynamics</u></b> <i>Piano, mezzo piano, forte, mezzo forte, Sforzando</i>
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
<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	<b><u>Dynamics</u></b> <b>Crescendo and decrescendo review</b> <b>Identifying dynamics Practical Assessment</b>
<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)	<b>Minor Exams</b>
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

### 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	<b><u>Instruments</u></b> The Woodwind Family



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<p>6- Third Quarter Begins          7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep          9- New Year Mass at 8:00</p>	
<p><b>Week 2 (21)</b>          (January 12 to 16)          16- Club Orientation &amp; Sign Up</p>	<p><b><u>Instruments</u></b>          The Strings Family</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b><u>Instruments</u></b>          The Percussion Instruments</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b><u>Instruments</u></b>          The Brass Instruments</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b><u>Harmony</u></b>          Major Scales (C, G, D)</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b><u>Harmony</u></b>          Minor Scales</p>
<p><i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 7 (26)</b>          (February 23 to 26)          23-26- IOWA Assessments          23- Student Council Application          24-26- Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><b><u>Harmony</u></b>          Differentiate Major and Minor Scales</p>
<p><i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i></p>	



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<p><b>Week 8 (27)</b>        (March 2 to 6)        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>        (March 9 to 13)        13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p><b>Major Exams (Half day)</b></p>

**Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content**

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><b>Week 1 (29)</b>        (March 16 to 20)        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>Style:</b>        Blues</p>
<p><i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 2 (30)</b>        (March 23 to 27)        23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews        26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11        27- Lower School Readers Theatre</p>	<p><b>Tempo</b>  <i>adagio (slow), Andante (moderate, walking pace), Allegro (fast), and Presto (very fast).</i></p>
<p><i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 3 (31)</b>        (April 7 to 10)        7- Spring University Fair        9- Easter Mass        9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students</p>	<p><b>Tempo</b>        Changing Tempos: Ritardando and Accelerando</p>
<p><b>Week 4 (32)</b>        (April 13 to 17)</p>	<p><b>Form</b></p>



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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	Introduction to Form
<b>Week 5 (33)</b> (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	<b>Form</b> Rondo form, verse, chorus, AB, ABA, and Refrain
<b>Week 6 (34)</b> (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	<b>Form</b> Combining Form Elements
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
<b>Week 7 (35)</b> (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	<b>Minor Exams</b>
<b>Week 8 (36)</b> (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	<b>Major Exams (half day)</b>
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
<b>Week 9 (37)</b> (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation"	<b>Review</b>



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<p>19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle &amp; High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony</p>	
<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><b>Last Week of School</b></p>

*“Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán”*