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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Music
Grade Level	Grade 4
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Grade 4 General Music class focuses on expanding students' musical knowledge and skills through a variety of engaging activities. Students will explore musical elements like melody, rhythm, harmony, and form, often through singing, movement, playing instruments, and music listening activities. They will also delve into music notation, learn about different musical genres, and potentially explore history of music. Students will participate in singing activities and will have opportunities to play instruments. Students will be encouraged to compose their own short melodies and improvisations.

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

1. Listen to a variety of musical genres and styles, learning to differentiate musical elements and analyze musical structures.
2. Collaborate in small ensembles to create and perform original compositions, demonstrating individual contributions within a group context.
3. Recognize musical notation and chord charts in playing the ukelele as a basic instrument.
4. Utilize more advanced music theory concepts, including intervals, dynamics, and articulation.
5. Perform melodies and harmonies with greater technical skill and dynamic control.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Quaver Music, MusicPlay Online, Ukelele, Some Musical Instruments, toys for musical games

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

1. Quarter Exam- (30%) - Written Exam and Practical Exam



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2. Practicum and Projects (30%) - Worksheets, portfolios, seatwork, individual or group project performances
3. Quizzes (30%) - Pop Quiz, Graded Recitation, Practical test
4. Department Grade (10%) - (This is 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
Week 1 (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 <u>Rhythm:</u> Strong and Weak Beats Terrific Triplets
Week 2 (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	<u>Rhythm:</u> Review: quarter note, half note, quarter rest, half rest Focus on 16th Notes
Week 3 (August 25 to 29)	<u>Singing</u>



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<p>27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting</p>	<p>Octave, descents, and patriotic music</p>
<p>Week 4 (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><u>Singing</u> Singing Partner Songs Singing triads</p>
<p>Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start</p>	<p><u>Singing</u> Part Round Songs Practical Assessment</p>
<p>Week 6 (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><u>Melody</u> Ascending and descending scales Major and minor melodies</p>
<p>Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26- Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days</p>	<p><u>Melody</u> Melodic Ostinatos</p>
<p>Week 8 (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>Major Exams (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



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Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
<p>Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17)</p> <p>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><u>Duration</u></p> <p>Duration review</p>
<p>Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24)</p> <p>20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)</p>	<p><u>Duration</u></p> <p>Dotted quaver notes</p>
<p>Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31)</p> <p>29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp</p>	<p><u>Duration</u></p> <p>Tied notes</p> <p>Written Assessment</p>
<p>Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7)</p> <p>3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep</p>	<p><u>Notation</u></p> <p>Keeping up with the score</p>
<p>Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14)</p> <p>14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community</p>	<p><u>Notation</u></p> <p>Getting to know E and D</p>
<p>Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21)</p> <p>17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest</p>	<p><u>Notation</u></p> <p>Giving Thanks</p> <p>Performance Assessment</p>



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<p>Week 7 (17) (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><u>Articulation and Tempo</u></p> <p>Review articulation</p> <p>Tricky Tempos</p>
<p><i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i></p>	
<p>Week 8 (18) (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 Exam</p>
<p>Week 9 (19) (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>Major Exams (half day)</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>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i></p>	
<p>Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College</p>	<p><u>Instruments</u></p> <p>Orchestral and Band Instruments</p>



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Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	<u>Instruments</u> Guitar and fretted instruments
Week 3 (22) (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	Playing with Fretted Instruments
Week 4 (23) (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	<u>Scales and Harmony</u> Major and Minor Scales (5 each)
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	<u>Chords and Harmony</u> Major and Minor Chords
Week 6 (25) (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	<u>The Romantic Period</u> Making Music in the Romantic Period Telling a Story with Music
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Review
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	



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<p>Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test</p>	<p>Minor Exams</p>
<p>Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p>Major Exams</p>

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p>Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & 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>The Rap Project</p>
<p><i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i></p>	
<p>Week 2 (30) (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><u>The Rap Project</u> Rhymes, Rhythm and Rap</p>
<p><i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i></p>	
<p>Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students</p>	<p><u>The Rap Project</u> Dynamic rapping</p>
<p>Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching</p>	<p><u>The Rap Project</u></p>



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<p>(During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test</p>	Rap rehearsal
<p>Week 5 (33) (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</p>	The Rap Project Rap it up (the performance) Project based assessment
<p>Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days</p>	Review Major and Minor Scales
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
<p>Week 7 (35) (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</p>	Review Musical Terms
<p>Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days</p>	Minor Exams
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
<p>Week 9 (37) (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" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day</p>	Review



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

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