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COURSE SYLLABUS

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| School Year | 2025-2026 |
| Subject | Music |
| Grade Level | PK- Grade 5 |
| Teacher | Miss Jessica Ng |
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Pre-K Music typically focuses on developing foundational musical skills and appreciation through engaging musical activities. Music class activities will focus largely on developing basic vocal technique, music listening skills, steady beat competency, and a movement vocabulary. Students will experience an extensive repertoire of nursery rhymes and folk songs through enjoyable singing games, movement activities, instrumental accompaniment and dramatic play.

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

1. **Rhythm and Beat:** Learning to clap, tap, or move to a steady beat, and recognizing long versus short sounds.
2. **Melody:** Differentiating between high and low pitches and exploring simple melodic patterns.
3. **Tempo:** Understanding and moving to music at different speeds (fast and slow).
4. **Dynamics:** Experiencing loud and soft sounds.
5. **Musical Elements:** Using songs, movement, body percussion, and percussion instruments to explore these concepts.
6. **Movement:** Moving to the steady beat, moving appropriately to music of different styles and moods, and performing movements to music in beat groups.
7. **Cultural Awareness:** Engaging with songs and dances from different cultures to foster understanding.



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PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Quaver Music, MusicPlay Online, Kodaly Songs

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

1. Homework, Seatwork, Projects: 30%
2. Quizzes and Tests: 30%
3. Deportment: 30%
4. Quarter Exams: 30%

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 |
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| Week 1 (August 12 to 15) 4 days of class 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady | 1. Welcome to Music 2. Introduction to class rules, routines and materials to be used in class 3. Getting to Know Me |



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| 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 | Introduction to Steady Beat |
| Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting | Feeling, finding and moving to the beat |
| 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 | Work as a Team Fast and Slow Beat |
| Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start | Listening to Fast and Slow Beat |
| 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 | Introduce High and Low |
| 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 | Melodic Pattern: so-mi High and Low Song Game |
| Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) | Review |



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

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

| Week/Date | Topic/Projects/Assessments |
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| <i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i> | |
| <i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i> | |
| Week 1 (11) (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 | The Ocean + Loud and Soft Review: so-mi melodic pattern |
| Week 2 (12) (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) | The Land and The Sky+ Loud and Soft |
| Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp | Same and Different Sounds |
| Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep | Feel the ta rhythmic pattern So-Mi Melodic Pattern |



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| Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community | Thanksgiving+ Same and Different Sounds |
| Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest | Celebrate the Season Same and Different Patterns and Styles |
| 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 | A Season for Giving Prepare for Nativity |
| Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday) | |
| 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 | Christmas Songs The Nativity |
| 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) | Review |
| December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday) | |
| December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break | |



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Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

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| <i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i> | |
| Week 1 (20) (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 | The New Year Review high/low, fast/slow, same/different, loud/soft |
| Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up | Explore sounds that reflect the timbre and expression of the winter season. |
| 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 | Explore sounds that reflect the timbre and expression of the spring season. |
| 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 | Explore sounds that reflect the timbre and expression of the fall season |
| 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 | Explore sounds that reflect the timbre and expression of the summer season |
| 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 | Introduction to some common instruments. Air Orchestra |
| <i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i> | |



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| Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days | My Neighbors + Classroom Instruments |
| <i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i> | |
| Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test | The Four Different Voices |
| Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) | Different Emotions + Music |

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

| Week/Date | Topic/Projects/Assessments |
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| 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 | Long and Short Sounds |
| <i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i> | |
| 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 | Same and Different Symbols |
| <i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i> | |



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| Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students | High and Low Symbols |
| Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 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 | Explore making different sounds with our voices. |
| 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 | Echo Song |
| Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days | Quarter and Half Notes |
| <i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i> | |
| 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 | Movement Improvisation |
| Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days | Instrumental Improvisation |
| <i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i> | |
| Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass | Year End Review 1 |



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| <p>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 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>Year End Review 2</p> |

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