

Dear Parents,

Hans Christian Anderson, once said, "Where words fail, music speaks." As your child's music teacher at Holy Name of Jesus School my goal is to teach your children to appreciate and enjoy music so that they can express themselves in creative and innovative ways beyond just words.

The Pre-K will attend music class every other week and will have fun singing songs and making music to the sights and sounds of the season!

Once again the students in grades Kindergarten through grade Five will be preparing for our annual Christmas and Spring Concerts with songs that will be fun and entertaining for the Children and Parents alike! Student participation in School Concerts is an important part of the music curriculum at HNJ School and your child's attendance is required as part of their music grade. Details and dates for these upcoming concerts will be sent home to all parents in a future letter.

Students in grades Six through Eight can look forward to another exciting year of Music Appreciation, in which we will study classical and contemporary composers. Since these students are not required to participate in school concerts, quizzes and in class assignments will help make up a portion of their grades. All students should come prepared to class with a music folder, loose leaf paper and a pen to take notes.

Students Kindergarten through grade Eight will receive music grades twice a year. These grades will be recorded on the **second** and **fourth** quarter report cards.

Our music classes this year will take place in the School Library which is equipped with state of the art computers and entertainment equipment which the children will be using to do research on composers, listen to music and watch appropriate music videos and DVD's.

First Friday School Masses are an important part of our Catholic tradition here at Holy name of Jesus School. As in the past, our class time will also be used to prepare our school choir to sing the liturgical music for our monthly school masses.

A music class rubric is attached so you and your child can be clear on what their music grade is comprised of. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me via my e-mail address on the HNJ School Website.

I look forward to working with your children this year. May God bless you and your families now and always.

Fondly,

Mrs. Gerbosi
Music Teacher