



Welcome to the music room! I am very excited to return for my second year in our fantastic classroom. I graduated in May of 2021 from Benedictine College with a degree in music education. I began my first year of teaching last school year split between SBS and SJPII. As a newer teacher I feel truly blessed and honored that God has given me the wonderful opportunity to share in your child's journey this year.

Students will have the opportunity to be in music for a full semester. At the end of each semester we will have a concert showcasing what they have accomplished. The concert for students in semester 1 of music will be our Christmas concert. It will be Monday, January 9, 2023. The concert for students in semester 2 of music will be Monday, May 15, 2023.

Each grade will continue to focus on developing their musical skills. Grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have an emphasis in the Ward Method. The Ward Method of Music Instruction is classical pedagogy for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. It is unique in that it is a progressive program of music instruction encompassing modern music theory as well as Gregorian chant. You can read more about it [here](#). The students will also get the opportunity to encounter various instruments along with singing. Students in third and fourth grade will also learn how to play the recorder through the EEase into Recorder method.

**Homework:** While homework is not necessarily assigned in music the students should be practicing their music at home. When it gets closer to the concert I will send the students home a copy of their music to practice. As parents, you are the first educators of your child and so I highly encourage you to look at the songs with them and sing with them as well.

**Grading:** All of the students' grades will be posted through PowerSchool. Grades will be updated in a timely manner. The students' grades will be based on participation, behavior, and the concert. The students get ten daily points in music each time they meet. Most grades meet twice a week for a weekly total of twenty points. Students get points taken off for not participating, not completing in class work, and misbehaving. Under the school's menu of corrections, if a student is asked twice to stop, points will be taken from their daily grade. If there continues to be an issue, I will reach out to the parent.

**Semester 1 Music Schedule:**

Monday/Wednesday: Rm 7 (8:30-9:15), Rm 8 (9:20-10:05), Rm 1 (10:05-10:30), Rm 2 (10:30-10:55), Rm 6 (12:45-1:30), and Rm 5 (1:30-2:15)

Friday: Pre-K (9:50-10:20), Rms 1&2 (11:05-11:40)

**Semester 2 Music Schedule:**

Monday/Wednesday: Rm 10 (8:30-9:15), Rm 9 (9:20-10:05), Rm 11 (10:35-11:20), Rm 3 (12:20-1:05), Rm 4 (1:05-1:50), and Rm 12 (1:50-2:35)

Friday: Pre-K (9:50-10:20)

**Contact:** Communication is very important. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Feel free to send a note to school or email me [mdaos@gracesystem.org](mailto:mdaos@gracesystem.org). If there is an urgent need or an emergency, please contact the school office at 920-468-5026.

Thank you for choosing St. Bernard Catholic School. I look forward to sharing this year's journey with you and your child. God Bless!

Peace and Blessings,  
Miss Monica Daos