



Dear KCS Music Students:

*It is said: "Music is a circle, with no beginning and no end."*

For those of you who don't know me yet, I am Mr. Kwiecinski better known as "Mr. K". I will be your music teacher in September and I will be inviting you to join the music circle!

During each music class, students in the elementary grades will be given tools to learn the basics of music such as melody, rhythm, and music patterns. You will study the different instruments in the orchestra, learn various musical styles, and move through the seasons with seasonally inspired songs!

Our third grade students will learn to play the recorder while other students explore a brand new selection of rhythm instruments.

Using technology, texts and other resources, our middle school students will be challenged with learning Harmonies and Singing in Parts. You will also learn about Texture in Music, Critical Listening, Music Appreciation, and Concert Etiquette. In order to be prepared for class, you will need a marble notebook just for music and a pen or pencil.

Because of the importance of Sacred Music within the Music Circle, the beginning minutes of class will be spent learning the songs that have been chosen for Friday's Mass. This will allow us to enjoy the experience of coming together as a community to worship God in song. The rest of our class time will be spent on units and themes outlined in the New York State music curriculum.

Music class will allow you to become acquainted with the fundamentals of music while incorporating all of the disciplines of a full, well-rounded education. This includes areas like: Poetry and Language, Philosophy, Aesthetics, Critical Thinking, Math, Science, and many other areas of study and exploration. Most importantly, we will celebrate music together. I look forward to a wonderful and musical school year!

