



# Music Information

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*"Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other (for education) because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul, on which they mightily fasten, imparting grace, and making the soul of him who is rightly educated graceful, or of him who is ill-educated ungraceful." -Plato*

Dear Students and Parents,

I'm looking forward to a great year of musical enjoyment and learning with our students!

Below are some things you will need, and some information you need to know for the different music classes at SCA. Have a wonderful new school year! I look forward to a great year of fun as we make music together!



Sincerely,  
Mrs. Shelly Hopkins

## Private Instrument Lessons

Students of all ages are eligible to take private music lessons during the school day in piano, or an instrument of their choice (guitar, band, string) for \$15 for a 30-minute weekly lesson. Register early, as openings are limited.

## Pre School through 2nd Grade

Nothing is needed for Music class...just a smile!

## 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Playing recorders is a fun part of Music class in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades.

Each student will need their own recorder and student book.

- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Recorder and Student Recorder Karate Book \$5
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Recorder, Student Book Vol. 1 and CD \$5
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Recorder, Student Book Vol. 2 and CD \$5
- ❖ All Students: Optional Neck Strap \$1



## 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band/String Students. \$50 Fee

Beginning in fifth grade, students can learn to play a band or string instrument. Please see Band / Strings sheet for more information.

## Sound Waves: Middle School and High School Handbell Choirs, \$50 Fee

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to join one of the Handbell Choirs. Both handbell choirs will be participating in the ACSI Fine Arts Festivals this year. Handbell Choirs will also have the opportunity to play in the school concerts, and to minister in the community as opportunities become available. The High School Sound Waves are planning a brief tour in the Spring of 2010.

## ACSI Fine Arts Festivals:

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the ACSI Fine Arts Festivals. Many performance opportunities are available (solos, ensembles, etc.). A fee (to be determined) is required to participate.

The objectives are:

- To provide an opportunity for middle and high school students to perform and compete in a positive environment that encourages them to develop their talents for the glory of God.
- Through quality adjudication, students will identify their musical strengths and recommendations for improvement.
- To encourage fellowship with students from other Christian schools.



# Band and Strings Information



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Dear Students and Parents,

Learning an instrument is a commitment that requires consistent practice and discipline, but the enjoyment of being able to play beautiful music makes all the sacrifice worthwhile! We have a lot to look forward to as we begin this new musical experience together.

If you are interested in joining the band or string program this year, please fill out the Band / Strings Application & Agreement form and turn it in to the office with the \$50 Band Fee payable to SCA.

Students enrolled in Band or Strings will need to provide their own instrument, instrument accessories, Essential Elements Book, and other supplementary books necessary for the class.

If you would like to rent an instrument, you may do so at Salisbury Music, or at B & B Music. Rental agreements are between the music store and the parents. If you need any help in finding an instrument to rent or purchase (new or used) I will be glad to offer any assistance I can. Please, give me a call before making a purchase. I will be happy to discuss the many options available to you that could save you a lot of money.

Please make note of the day/s your class will be having Band/Strings class, and come prepared with your book and instrument. Instruments may be stored in the Music room, or in lockers during the day. Please make sure your instrument case and music books are marked with your name, address, and phone number. SCA is not responsible for lost or stolen instruments or music.

Students taking Band/Strings will earn credit and/or a grade based on several factors.

## Grading Criteria

1. Preparation: Coming to class on time, and with book/s and instrument ready to play.
2. Practice: Students are required to practice outside of class. Practice records need to be signed by a parent and turned in to Mrs. Hopkins the first class of each week. The grading scale is:

Practice Grade Total Minutes Practiced Each Week

A	90+ Minutes
B	60 – 89 Minutes
C	30 – 59 Minutes
D	1 – 29 Minutes
F	0 Minutes

3. Performances: Concerts (required), Fine Arts Festival Performances (optional), and Class Performances (Quizzes) will be evaluated
4. Effort and Attitude: Students are expected to give their best effort and show a positive and cooperative attitude.

If I can ever be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shelly Hopkins

[shopkins@seafordchristian.org](mailto:shopkins@seafordchristian.org)

# Band / String Registration Form

## Students in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have an instrument available for your use?                      Yes                      No

If not, are you interested in (please circle):

Renting                      Purchasing a Used Instrument                      Purchasing a New Instrument

### AGREEMENT

We realize that to participate in Band / Strings, a fee of \$50 is due to SCA.

We have read the Instrument Information Sheet, and the Music Information Sheet.

We have noted all performance dates on our family calendar, and plan to attend.

We understand that Band / Strings participation is a commitment for the entire year.

We understand that Band / Strings is a class for which students will earn grades and/or credit, and class attendance is required.

We understand that we are responsible to furnish the instrument, to purchase instrument accessories as needed (i.e. strings, reeds, oil, etc.) and the necessary lesson and supplementary books needed for the class (no more than 3 books throughout the school year).

We have read the Practice Grading Scale and will make the best effort to maintain consistent practice time outside of class.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT SIGNATURE



# Handbell Choir Registration Form

## Students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bell Preference (please circle): Treble Bells (small bells)    Bass Bells (big bells)    Wherever Needed

### AGREEMENT

We realize that to participate in Handbells, a fee of \$50 is due to SCA.

We have read the Music Information Sheet.

We have noted all performance dates on our family calendar, and plan to attend.

The Handbell Choir may be asked to perform for additional special events (Nursing Home Ministry, Mall Christmas Performance, etc.)

We understand that Handbell Choir participation is a commitment for the entire year.

Handbell Choir is a class for which students will earn grades and/or credit towards graduation.

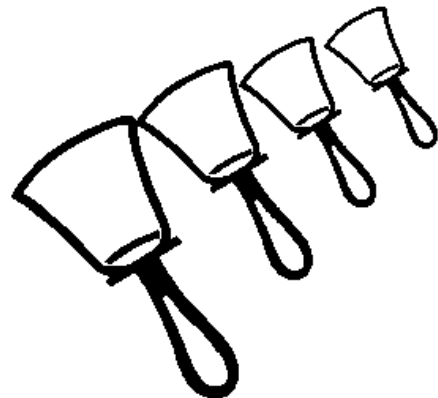
Supplies Needed: Students are encouraged to purchase their own performance gloves.

Member Responsibilities: homework (consists of marking handbell music outside of class), assisting with setting up and packing up bells and accessories, polishing bells, being punctual to class.

We understand that extra rehearsals will be held in addition to regularly scheduled classes from time to time to prepare for special performances.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT SIGNATURE





# Recorder Karate Info and Order Form



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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school! I am looking forward to a great year ahead of learning and performing.

One of my favorite aspects of teaching music is teaching recorder playing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Recorders are a lot of fun to play and are a very inexpensive, yet rewarding introduction to playing instruments and reading music. Playing recorder is a great step into playing other instruments!

We use the very popular "Recorder Karate" method at SCA for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Musicplay for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It is a lot of fun! I would like to encourage parents to join in the fun and try to learn the songs that your child will be learning! My father took up the challenge a couple years ago and worked hard to earn his Black Belt in Recorder Karate! He still enjoys playing his favorite hymns on his recorder.

Recorder Karate is similar to traditional Karate in that you have 9 different colored belts that you earn by completing progressively more difficult tests. The difference with Recorder Karate is that the tests are songs! Students earn a colored "belt" to tie around the end of their recorder. As they progress, they have a colorful rainbow on the end of their recorder! Students need to pass at least one belt each month. Passing the belts counts towards their music grade. Students are also graded for coming to class prepared with their recorder and music book.

Order of Belts: WHITE YELLOW ORANGE GREEN PURPLE BLUE RED BROWN BLACK  
*Students who earn their Black Belt will receive an award certificate at the end of the year.*

*Play with accompaniments online!*

<http://www.musick8.com/rkdojo/rkdojo.tpl>

Username: Karate

Password: Rubric



## Recorder and Student Book Order Form



Child's Name:

Child's Grade:

\_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Recorder and Student Recorder Karate Book \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Recorder, Student Book Vol. 1 and CD \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Recorder, Student Book Vol. 2 and CD \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ Neck Strap for Recorder (optional) \$ 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Due to SCA



***Please detach and turn in to the office with payment the first week of school.***

# Private Lesson Registration Form

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have an instrument available for your use?                      Yes                      No

If not, are you interested in (please circle):

Renting                      Purchasing a Used Instrument                      Purchasing a New Instrument

## AGREEMENT

We realize that to participate in private lessons, the cost is \$15 per lesson payable to SCA. The student will be released from class to attend the lesson, but will be responsible to make up any classwork that was missed.

We understand that we are responsible to furnish the instrument, to purchase instrument accessories as needed (i.e. strings, reeds, oil, etc.) and the necessary lesson and supplementary books needed for the lesson. We will make the best effort to maintain consistent practice time outside of class (recommended practice time is 30 minutes daily).

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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PARENT SIGNATURE