

Music @ TDChristian 2017-18

Music is an integral part of the TDChristian experience. Students are encouraged to take the opportunity to share God-given musical gifts. As part of an official school group or the school musical, with a group of friends or as a soloist, everyone is challenged to let the sound of their voices or musical instruments be heard. Mr. Hayward and Mr. Kim would like to meet students who have a passion for and/or talent in music, want to develop their skills, need musical advice, or desire to be a part of music at TDChristian.

SINGING LESSONS / PIANO LESSONS / GUITAR LESSONS

We are pleased to announce that TDChristian students will again have the opportunity to study voice, piano and guitar during the school day, beginning in September. Piano and voice lessons will be given by Ms. Suzanne Schaafsma, who holds a Master's degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from the University of Toronto. Guitar lessons will be offered by Mr. Tim Lemke, who is completing his Master's degree at the University on Toronto. For more information on voice, piano, or guitar lessons please contact Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

Other programs offered at TDChristian are:

Choir, usually consisting of about 70 students from all grades, provides music at various school events, and represents TDChristian at the annual Choral Festival and other events. Choir members may earn a half-credit. Choir will meet during *Fifth Period*, a 40 minute period at the end of the day. *If you are interested, email hayward@tdchristian.ca or learn more on August 31, at the Back in the Groove Again, or during the first week of school.*

Concert Band is a multi-level wind ensemble which meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Participating students may earn a half-credit. Interested students should have at least two years of experience on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. *Interested students from all grades can email hayward@tdchristian.ca or sign up on August 31, at Back in the Groove Again or during the first week of school. Don't be shy, try it!*

Jazz Ensemble usually rehearses one day after school. It consists of about 20 members of the concert band, including saxophones, trumpets, trombones and a rhythm section (keyboard, guitars, bass and drums). The ensemble performs jazz, rock and other commercial styles. Jazz Ensemble requires a high commitment level because there are usually not more than two players to a part. Students from all grade levels are welcome. *Sign up on the music bulletin board during the first week of school or talk to Mr. Hayward on August 31, at the Back in the Groove Again evening.*

Praise Band is an ensemble of student singers and musicians who lead our school community in praise. Besides that, there are opportunities to lead in praise to God including during other school events and sometimes special invitations outside of the school. *Interested students from all grades should email Mr. Kim at kim@tdchristian.ca, connect with him on August 31, or during the first week of school.*

Performances by Individuals or Groups are often given throughout the year to aspiring musicians including perform for the school body at assemblies, **Talent Night** (Thurs., March 1) and other school events. *If you are interested in sharing your talents, contact Mr. Hayward, Mrs. Schuurman, or Mr. Groot about assemblies and Talent Night.*

Interested in helping in the music area? Contact Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca. We need people who are good "behind the scenes."