



# Music at Lamberton Middle School

## **GENERAL MUSIC CLASSES**

All students at Lamberton Middle School take general music courses as a part of their Encore rotation periods. Each Encore course lasts for 4.5 weeks (half a marking period) and meets for an extended length class period every day during that time. These music courses offer experiences in music reading and theory, music appreciation, and hands on music making experiences using a variety of classroom instruments.

In addition to music literacy, each grade level has a different focus:

6<sup>th</sup> grade: Music of the Americas

7<sup>th</sup> grade: World Music (Japan, Lebanon, Ghana, Yiddish music)

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Western Music (Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic)

## **OPTIONAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE CLASSES/ENSEMBLES**

*In addition to their required general music classes, there are vocal and instrumental musical ensembles in which students may choose to participate. Performing groups perform three concerts each year: the LAMBERTON HOLIDAY CONCERT in December, the LAMBERTON SPRING CONCERT in May and the CASD SHOWCASE CONCERTS at the HS in March. Students who choose to join an ensemble should understand that concert attendance is part of their commitment to the group and attendance at the evening concerts is expected and necessary.*

### **CHORUS – Dr. Laura Petravage ([petravagel@carliseschools.org](mailto:petravagel@carliseschools.org))**

Students in grades 6-8 may elect to sing as a part of the Lamberton choral groups. The chorus groups rehearse during the resource period on selected days. Chorus is an opportunity for students to learn proper techniques needed for singing and explore music in a variety of musical styles. No prior music experience is necessary.

### **BAND – Mr. Abel Rose ([rosea@carliseschools.org](mailto:rosea@carliseschools.org))**

Students in grades 6-8 who play woodwind, brass and percussion instruments may participate in our band program. Band rehearses during select resource periods each week, and students receive small group lessons on a rotating pull-out schedule once each cycle. Some band students may have their lessons scheduled with Ms. Megan Hupfer ([hupferm@carliseschools.org](mailto:hupferm@carliseschools.org)).

### **ORCHESTRA – Mrs. Sara Schmehl ([schmehls@carliseschools.org](mailto:schmehls@carliseschools.org))**

Students in grades 6-8 who play violin, viola, cello and string bass may participate in our orchestra program. Orchestra rehearses during select resource periods each week, and students receive small group lessons on a rotating pull-out schedule once each cycle.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR AND AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

Please stay tuned for intercom and teacher announcements for details about special seasonal music opportunities, such as the following:

### Marching Band and Color Guard

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members get the opportunity to march in several local parades. A series of after school rehearsals are scheduled prior to the parade dates. Color Guard is offered at this time as well. For students interested in a more intensive marching band experience, the high school marching band is open to students in grades 7-12. Band camp is the first two weeks in August. Contact [rosea@carliseschools.org](mailto:rosea@carliseschools.org) for more information.

### Combined Middle School Jazz Band

Membership in this group is by audition only. The group generally meets after school beginning in November. Saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass guitar and drum players are typically needed to form this group.

### Lamberton Middle School Musical

If you enjoy singing, dancing, and acting this group is for you. The exact show varies each year, but past shows have included Legally Blonde, Annie, Willie Wonka, etc. Auditions are held to assign parts, and rehearsals occur after school, over a several month period leading up to the show. No prior musical experience is necessary to participate and all students are accepted.

### Various Honors groups

Opportunities vary each year, but at times there are honors ensembles that may be available for selected students to be chosen to represent the Carlisle Area School District in area-wide events. This may include Cumberland County Music Educator's Association sponsored festivals (County Band, County Chorus, Orchestra Adjudication Festival), Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association sponsored festivals (String Fest, Band Fest, Song Fest), and performing opportunities through local organizations such as Harrisburg Symphony's Youth program, or Hershey Symphony's Festival Strings.

### ***A note about our instrumental programs:***

- *Most band and orchestra students provide their own instruments. Instrument rental programs are offered through local music shops such as the Horn Hospital. Horn Hospital also offers weekly service calls to the school. A limited amount of school owned loaner instruments are available, please inquire for further details.*
- *The Band and Orchestral programs begin in Grade 4 in the Carlisle Area School District. Therefore, our middle school groups are not really beginning experiences. However, we recognize that often students new to the district have not had these opportunities in the past and we are open to starting new students as beginners. This is generally as a "lessons only" experience until students have mastered the necessary beginning skills to be a part of the group. If you are interested in starting as a beginner, please make contact with the appropriate music teacher before the end of the first week of school, or even before school starts so that we can get started promptly!*
- *If you've already played your instrument in a former school, we'd love to have you join our groups! Please be sure to ask to have Orchestra or Band included in your schedule, and contact us through email so we know which instrument you play and we can communicate about your current levels of performance!*

***We hope you will choose to bring the joy of Music into your life by participating in the Lamberton Middle School Music Program!***

