

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Kandace Graham and I am going to be teaching your wonderful children music this year at Académie Saint André Academy. I'm sure that some of your children have been coming home with the buzz of all the exciting things that Saint André's Music Program is up to this year. I am very excited to be part of giving your child(ren) the best music experience possible!

I will be providing 2 different extracurricular programs to your children. I am hoping to be starting both clubs as soon as I have the music room again. I am planning to be holding choir once a week at lunch recess time (Thursdays). I will also be holding music club (Tuesdays at Lunch Recess and Wednesday after school- from 3:30-4:15). I made a couple different options and times so that I can accommodate as many students in the club as possible. These are both great opportunities for your children to learn the gift of music, and I feel lucky to be a part of this experience for them. The only limitation I have is that at the moment, I only have 16 Ukuleles. So, if your child wants to join the music club and has their own, great! If not, and you are able to purchase one, also great! If you cannot afford one, I will try to accommodate the children as best I can with what I have. We might have to share if that is our only option.

I have outlined the cost of instruments in the event that you would like to purchase a personal musical instrument for your child:

ukulele: \$40+(purchased outside the school-below are some different websites to different music stores around Edmonton where you can purchase one-I got one of mine on Amazon)

recorder: \$5+(purchased through the office)

there are some at the dollar store but the sound quality has been very poor in my experience

All of the following places have instruments that you can purchase. I encourage shopping around because prices vary.

<http://www.stjohnsmusic.com>

https://www.long-mcquade.com/location/Alberta/Edmonton_South/

<https://www.axemusic.com>

<https://www.acousticmusicshop.com>

Also, I'm encouraging my students to perform regularly. About every three/four weeks there will be a performance day! Any student that has worked and prepared a performance is encouraged to perform on these performance days in front of their class. In the spring, we will be holding: Saint André's Got Talent. This MUSIC FAIR will be a great opportunity for any and all students to showcase some of the musical skills they have prepared and learned throughout the year. I'm hoping to be taking some of the children to share their gifts and perform in different community centres around Beaumont.

I am so excited to be a part of the school community and cannot wait to inspire and be inspired by all of the fun things that are going to be happening this coming up year with your child.

MOST IMPORTANT!!!!:

We can't have the type of AWESOME music experience/program that I am envisioning without help from PARENT VOLUNTEERS!! Please email to let me know if you are willing and able to assist with future events.

Thank you so much for your time!

Also, knowing certain things about your child's musical history and musical interests can help me to achieve this! Please take the time to answer the following questions as detailed as possible. These survey questions can be

emailed to me directly at: kandace.graham@starcatholic.ab.ca . Thank you so much for taking the time to do this.

- What is your child's name?
- What grade is your child in and who is your child's homeroom teacher?
- Does your child take any private music lessons (voice included)?
- If so, what instrument do they play?
- How long have they taken lessons?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your child, in regards to music?
- Have you noticed any gifts that your child may have in the area of music? (sing/drama/playing)
- What style of music does your child like and listen to?
- Does your child sing or dance to music on a regular basis?
- How often does your child listen to music?
- Would you support your child in an extra-curricular music club (ukulele/choir/recorder)?
- Would your child wish to participate in any of these?
- If so, which one?
- Does your child have any instruments available to them?

In order for a child to get better musically, practice makes perfect!

“Music is an art that lives within us and can live and flow from us into others....kind of like LOVE” -Kandace Graham

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

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