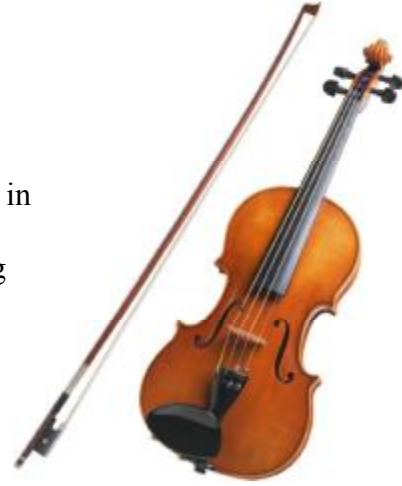


The Academy String Ensemble

This year, in partnership with **The Wharton School of Music** in Berkeley Heights, The Academy is offering our students in 3rd through the 6th grade the opportunity to take part in an exciting new music program at our school.



The Academy String Ensemble will be separate from our traditional program of music lessons that are already offered at The Academy. The idea of the string ensemble is that our students will be working towards learning their instruments well enough as a group that they will be able to perform together at school and possibly church functions representing The Academy.

The string ensemble will consist of 12 to 20 students and focus on three instruments, the violin, viola, and cello. If we were to have 20 students in our ensemble there would be 12 violins, 4 violas, and 4 cellos. Students do not need to have any musical experience to join the ensemble but they must be willing to accept the following criteria:

1. An ensemble member must be willing to be placed in the instrument the instructor chooses for them.
2. An ensemble student must show good behavior during group lessons.
3. An ensemble member will commit to daily practice at home in order to become better and not hold back the entire ensemble.
4. An ensemble member will commit to being present and ready for school and church ensemble performances.

Ensemble students will meet once per week during the school day (still to be scheduled) and will have two to three instructor/coaches working with them at all times. The cost for the program is all inclusive; that means that all lessons and instrument rental from K&S in Berkeley Heights are included in this price. Ensemble students will pay \$20 per lesson on a monthly basis; so four lessons will be \$80.

We are very excited to offer this unique opportunity to our Academy students. If you have any further questions to help you make this decision please do not hesitate to contact me. If this is something you would like you child to be a part of please fill out the information on the tear off portion of this letter and return it to me as soon as possible but no later than October 7th with a \$40 deposit (the deposit will be applied to the first 2 lessons). The first 20 students to bring in this signed form with the deposit will have a place in the ensemble. Please make all checks payable to The Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

Sincerely,

Mr. Berrios



Student Name _____ Grade _____

Preferred Instrument (depending upon availability) _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent Email _____

_____ \$40 Check Enclosed