

PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL
Performing Arts Academy

The goal of the Performing Arts Academy is to provide quality performing arts education to elementary and middle school students in the Milwaukee Archdiocese and beyond who otherwise would not have access to such programs.

The academy is comprised of a group of dedicated performing arts educators who feel beholden to our high school's founding patronesses, the School Sisters of St. Francis. The School Sisters have nurtured and shaped the musical and cultural scene of southeastern Wisconsin for over 100 years.

In the spirit of our founders, it is our dream to keep their legacy of performing arts alive and flourishing in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

For more information, contact Bonnie Scholz, Performing Arts Academy Director, at 414-290-8122 or bscholz@piusxi.org.

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St. Mary Visitation School is pleased to welcome back Pius XI High School and the Performing Arts Academy to our campus. Music instructors from the Academy will provide an extensive music program for our students.

- ◆ 4th–8th grade students may choose a music program which includes band or orchestra.
- ◆ **Special note**—students in grades 4–8 selecting band or orchestra will need to register for small-group instruction. Course fee is \$350 per student payable to St. Mary Visitation. Please note that instrument rental is not included in the course fee. Rental of an instrument is recommended prior to beginning instruction. (Need-based scholarships available. Please contact Ms. Mary Tretow to apply).
- ◆ In addition, private piano lessons are available at \$600 per year. (30 lessons)

For more information about the Orchestra and Band Program, visit us at the St. Mary Open House on August 25. If you are new to band or orchestra and not sure what instrument to play, attend the Academy instrument "Petting Zoo" area at the St. Mary Open House or the Academy instrument "Petting Zoo" on September 7 at Pius XI High School from 6–8 PM.



Please complete the registration form on reverse side and return to the school office no later than September 2.

Extra Curricular
Off Campus

Vocal Music

Christmas at the Cathedral Project

Available to students grades 5–8
6-week project (Wednesdays, 6–7 PM Pius XI Chapel)
10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7
Concert dress rehearsal—Thursday, 12/15, 12:30–4:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Concert—Friday, 12/16
20 students maximum
Cost: \$80 per student



Students in grades 5–8 will have the opportunity to work with renowned children's choir director, Ms. Emily Holt Crocker of the Vocal Arts Academy. Classes will include excellent choral technique and skill building. In addition, students will prepare selections to be performed with the Vocal Arts Academy at the Pius XI High School Christmas Concert held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 PM

This concert is a seasonal favorite and has been listed in Milwaukee Magazine as one of the city's best holiday events.

Voice Class Project

Available to students grades 6–8
6-week project (January 13 through February 17)
Friday afternoons from 4:00–5:30 at Pius XI High School
8-student maximum per class; 4-student minimum
Cost: \$80 per student

Students in grades 6–8 will be learning the principles of solo singing and performing in a fun, positive environment. Each class will learn selections from the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Solo and Ensemble Festival list. After this course, students will have the option, for an additional fee, to participate in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Pius XI High School on February 24–25, 2012. At the festival, students will perform their selection for a judge and receive a performance rating and medal.