

Jacob's Ladder Information for Parents

Dear Parents of Students in 4th – 8th Grades:

Jacob's Ladder auditions will be held on October 09th after school in the choir room (above the kitchen in the school). After the Fall break we will begin after school practices in the choir room on Thursdays from 3:15-4:30pm. The decision to admit by audition wasn't an easy one – there are only so many instruments that can play in a band like this – thank you for your understanding. It is important to note that if a student was in the band last year that does not guarantee their position this year – we try to be fair and give many students the opportunity to participate in this program.

Jacob's Ladder is an instrumental group that will primarily assist with music at the school masses with the possibility of assisting at a few weekend parish masses throughout the year. Students who play the following instruments are encouraged to audition for these positions (*) in the band:

1. Piano *1 only
2. Keyboard *1 only
3. Guitar (acoustic) * up to 3
4. Guitar (electric) * 1 only
5. Bass Guitar *1 only
6. Hand Percussion (e.g. Tambourine, egg shakers, congas and the Djembe) *up to 2 total
7. Drum Set * 1 only
8. Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass) *up to 2 each
9. Woodwinds and Brass (Clarinet, Oboe, Flute, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone) *up to 2 each

For October 09th:

-Students should prepare their favorite piece (not their most difficult piece)

and come being able to answer the following questions:

1. Can you read the music for your instrument? (if you try to play through the music a few times and eventually get it – you can read music).
2. Do you already know how to play the notes or scales on your instrument or can you find out how (on your own) through private teachers or lesson method books?
3. Are you willing to practice the music during the week at home so the whole band can learn 3 to 4 songs a month?

Practices will be held every Thursday from 3:15-4:30pm (time for an after school lunch/snack will be provided every week).

Let me know if you have any questions at chuntzinger@cosgriff.org or 801-209-3387.

Thank you and see you Thursday, October 09th!

Mr. Huntzinger