



St. Peter's School
Music Teacher (Grades 2-8)
Beginning: August 20, 2023

St. Peter's School is an independent, coeducational, non-sectarian Preschool through Eighth Grade school, educating approximately 160 students in the center of Philadelphia for over 180 years. The school has a strong City Curriculum, engaging the city of Philadelphia as a partner in the childrens' education and a project-based learning curriculum. With a focus on interdisciplinary education, the school community works hard to collaborate across grade levels, develop experiences that foster critical thinking, communication, and joy. We encourage you to take a look at our school's website at www.st-peter-school.org.

The Music Teacher at St. Peter's School is responsible for implementing an innovative music curriculum, providing learning experiences in music and the performing arts, and supervising students in a positive, creative and joyful climate that develops the talents of each student in the field of music. Working in conjunction with the other Faculty to create interdisciplinary units, and sharing resources and developing unique and distinctive musical opportunities for the St. Peter's students are all priorities of this position. We are developing a new curriculum, founded in the pedagogy that encourages students to creatively appreciate music, find joy in bringing music to life, and playing together as a part of a group. A candidate's awareness of the Orff approach or similar would be ideal.

While the primary responsibilities for this role will be teaching Second through Eighth Grade music classes, there are opportunities to engage with music throughout the school. Our Upper Grades (Sixth - Eighth Grade) curriculum includes teaching handbells and guitar, helping students in our Recording Studio, and collaborating with other faculty to bring music into the classroom. Additionally, we extend our "Creativity" curriculum which is our program for creative arts in Preschool through First Grade. Beginning in Second Grade, we divide art and music classes and begin to explore these two areas in more depth.

Additionally, the Music Teacher should be knowledgeable of current instructional practices, pedagogy and curriculum standards, as well as innovative approaches to music instruction including instrument development. They should be a team player with excellent written and verbal communication skills. The ability to work with all adults and children of different ages respectfully and consistently is important.

Duties and responsibilities included but not limited to:

- Prepares and implements music classes, and provides leadership within the music department.
- Designs and implements joyful age-appropriate music curriculum for Second through Eighth Grades
- Implements a culturally responsive pedagogy
- Provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their musical ability and encourages students to show pride in their work and their school.
- Fosters a joy and enthusiasm for music-making throughout the school.
- Collaborates meaningfully with other Faculty.
- Works with the Upper Grades "Art Block" to expand creativity into the upper levels of the school.

- Plans, directs, and rehearses students in musical programs for the school.
- Organizes and facilitates Student Music Recitals throughout the year.
- Evaluates each student's musical growth and performance and reports to parents about student progress throughout the year. (The School utilizes a Standards-Based grading system.
- Listens and responds to student and parent concerns in a responsible and constructive manner.
- Integrates experiential education, and project-based learning into the classroom to connect music and creativity into other content areas.
- Actively supports the school's mission, philosophy, and school policies.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Head of School

Qualifications:

- Genuine love of learning and desire to work with children in a joyful music environment
- A degree with a major in Elementary Education, Music Education or a related field
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to organize and manage a positive classroom grounded in a belief that all learning begins with attending to children's developmental social and emotional needs
- Willingness to teach and adapt an integrated, project based curriculum
- Commitment to teaching diverse learning styles and differentiated instruction
- Bachelor's degree required; Master's degree preferred, as well as a minimum of three years' experience in music instruction
- Commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion
- Ability to collaborate with colleagues across divisions in order to support curricula that benefit the larger community
- Ability to play and teach a wide range of instruments. (The School currently teaches ukulele, guitar and handbells.)

Salary to be determined based on experience and education. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references via email with the subject line "Music" to [Cannie Shafer, Education Program Director](mailto:Cannie.Shafer@st-peters-school.org) at Cannie.Shafer@st-peters-school.org.

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