



### **Autumn Greetings CFS Families,**

The sound of music is about to begin, and we hope your child will join us in making a joyful noise! Over the years, hundreds of students at Cambridge Friends School have taken part in the Instrumental Music Program. They have graduated from CFS with a strong foundational musical knowledge, a passion for their instrument, and imbued with the inner joy that music generates.

This year's roster offers private lessons on piano, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, flute, violin and cello as well as group classes in violin and cello through the Afterschool String Program. Ensemble experience is available for grades 6-8 in Jazz Band and for Grades 5-8 with the Friends Band. African Drumming will be offered later in the school year as an enrichment class through the Auxiliary Program.

CFS also offers a complimentary string program for students in Grades PK-2. Students may select their choice of violin or cello for their beginning string studies, and all instruction takes place in a group class setting after school.

I urge you to read on for more information about this vibrant and encompassing musical program. Each section below contains important details, explanations and information about offerings, scheduling, instructors, and the registration process. Please read them carefully for a full overview of the CFS Instrumental Music Program.

[If you are a family well acquainted with the program you may register now here.](#)

I hope this information sparks your interest, as well as intrigue for the aspiring musician living in your home!

If you have questions about the program, or would like additional information about specific teachers, please email me at [m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org](mailto:m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org)

I would be very happy to talk with you as we launch into the new school year!

And please be sure to join us for an engaging assembly featuring some of the music teachers demonstrating their respective instruments on **Thursday, September 14th at**

**8:30 AM.** Many students make their musical choice based on the inspiration of this assembly, and we warmly welcome adult attendance as well. I hope to see you there!

I leave you with this guiding insight from the great South African leader and activist Nelson Mandela:

**"It is music and dancing that makes me at peace with the world - and with myself."**

In music, friendship, and joy,

Marytha Paffrath

Director of the CFS Instrumental Music Program

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## Instrumental Music Program Overview

### The Basics

Professional one-on-one instruction on a variety of instruments is available to CFS students during the school year. Instruments include: piano, recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, and cello.

**There are two 13-week sessions per school year.** Session 1 runs late September – mid-February, and Session 2 runs late-February - May. Each session has a “cushion” of time allotted for make-up lessons if needed due to snow closures, vacation days, or teacher absences.

**Individual private music lessons will be offered during the school day, as well as after school, for students in grades 2-8.** Scheduling will be arranged in conjunction with your child’s classroom teacher, with input from parents and the student. Every effort will be made to arrange an optimal and mutually agreeable time slot. **When considering the timing of your child’s private lesson, please take your child’s entire year and extracurricular commitments into account. Changing a student’s lesson time mid- year is often not possible.**

If your child decides not to continue a class or lessons in the second semester, a credit for that semester's tuition will be issued.

The program also offers group classes for students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8. All group instruction will be held after school. This includes

Friends Band, Jazz Band and the Afterschool String classes.

Please read on for pertinent information that includes program details and policies, as well as information regarding instrument rental, class schedules, fees, enrollment protocol, and a printable registration form.

## **Logistics and Instrument Rentals**

***Adult interest and encouragement are primary keys to a music student's success and progress. Please encourage regular practice time at home (much as you would establish a routine for completing homework) and be aware of your child's lesson day so that they arrive at school with their instrument and music.*** Feel free to be directly in touch with your child's music teacher. Instructor's email addresses and phone numbers are on the website or are available from Marytha. If you would like to discuss renting or buying an instrument, or would like helpful tips to make practice enjoyable at home, please feel free to contact Marytha. With your enthusiasm and support each child will be embarking on an exciting musical venture.

### **Attendance and Pick-Up for Students in Grades PK-8**

- \* Students enrolled in afterschool group classes or lessons that begin after 3 PM must be enrolled in the Extended Day (XD) program or have reliable adult supervision prior to their class or lesson.
  
- \* Please note that the complimentary string program for students in Grades PK-2 offers complementary XD coverage for the student on the day of the class.
  
- \* String students in Grades 3-8 must enroll in XD or have reliable adult supervision before their class or lesson time
  
- \* Students not enrolled in XD must be picked up promptly at the end of their class or lesson.

### **Missed Classes**

- Lessons or classes missed due to the instructor's absence will be made up. It is not always possible to make up lessons missed due to student illness, class trips

or unforeseen student schedule conflicts. If a student must miss a lesson, please inform the instructor as soon as possible. With advance notice it may be possible to rearrange the lesson time.

- Student absence from group classes cannot be made up or reimbursed.

### **Where do I find an instrument?**

There are several music stores that offer reasonable rental programs so that parents or adult family members can get a sense of their child's interest and commitment before purchasing an instrument. It can be worthwhile to call a few places to compare prices and policies.

#### **Clarinet/Flute/Saxophone**

- Music and Arts (formerly Newton Centre Music Shop), Newton  
[617-332-3578](tel:617-332-3578)
- National Music, Woburn [781-933-6300](tel:781-933-6300)

#### **Piano**

**It is essential that piano students have a piano or keyboard at home to practice.** For purchase or rental questions, please contact Marytha.

#### **Violin/Cello**

Each student taking private lessons or a class on violin or cello will need to rent an instrument appropriately sized for their current height. Violins and cellos come in 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 and full size and can be rented from

\*Johnson String Company - Newton Upper Falls - 617-964-0954  
[johnsonstring.com](http://johnsonstring.com)

## **Instrumental Music Program Faculty 2023–2024**

### **RECORDER: Marytha Paffrath**

Grades 2-8 30-minute private lesson

### **PIANO: Andrea (Andy) Hart**

Grades 2-8 30-minute private lesson

### **FLUTE/CLARINET/SAXOPHONE/PIANO: Ririka Masuda**

Grades 4-8 \*Clarinet/Sax/Flute 30-minute private lesson

Grades 2-8 Piano 30-minute private lesson

*\*If your Grade 3 child is interested in clarinet, sax, or flute, please contact Marytha.*

### **VIOLIN/CELLO: Keith Sanders**

Grades 4-8 30-minute private lesson

### **AFTERSCHOOL STRING CLASSES: Keith Sanders**

Grades PK-2 Group class

### **Grade 3/4 String Ensemble: Keith Sanders**

Grade 3/4 Group Class

Please note that this class is for students who have previously participated in the Afterschool String Program prior to Grade 3.

### **FRIENDS BAND: Ririka Masuda**

Grades 5-8 Group class

Prerequisite: At least 1 year private instruction on instrument or permission from Marytha. Sight reading ability is greatly encouraged.

### **JAZZ BAND: Pandelis Karayorgis**

Grades 6-7-8 Group Class

Prerequisite: At least 2 years private instruction on instrument or permission from Marytha. Sight reading ability is necessary.

*All students participating in Jazz Band or Friends Band are expected to continue private lessons on their instrument. Students do not need to take their private lessons at CFS to register for these ensemble classes.*

# REGISTRATION for INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

## FALL 2023

- All registration forms AND deposits are due by Wednesday September 20

All families will be contacted to confirm their child's enrollment in their class or lesson.

- Private music lessons are scheduled during the school day as well as after school. Marytha Paffrath will be in touch with each family to discuss and confirm lesson times.
- If you have any registration questions, please email Marytha Paffrath at [m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org](mailto:m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org)

### Two Step registration for the Instrumental Music Program

[Sign up online and complete payment.](#)

#### Complete a Registration Form

- Print a registration form. (An editable PDF was emailed to you as part of your payment confirmation. You may also download it [here](#).)
- Please fill out the form **legibly** and **completely**, then scan and email to [m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org](mailto:m.paffrath@cambridgefriendsschool.org) . You may also drop it off at the Welcome Center in the box provided.

**Registration is complete when the form is received, and a payment is made!**

CFS families receiving tuition assistance for day school are eligible for tuition assistance for music lessons and classes. If you would like to know the exact amount your music tuition fee will be, please email Ashley Mosley at [a.mosley@cambridgefriendsschool.org](mailto:a.mosley@cambridgefriendsschool.org)

### Annual Tuition Fees

Private 30-minute lesson: \$1,165

String Ensemble for Grade 3/4: \$430

Friends Band: \$1,290

Jazz Band: \$1,290

**Afterschool Group String Class for Grades PK-2: Complimentary  
Class Schedule:**

**Monday** Friends Band (Grades 5-8) 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Tuesday** Jazz Band (Grades 6-8) 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Afterschool Group Strings (Grades PK-2)  
(Time TBD) 30 minute group class

**Thursday** Afterschool Group Strings (Grades K-2)  
(Time TBD) 30 minute group class

*\* All students enrolled in Jazz Band or Friends Band are expected to continue private lessons on their instrument. Participating students do not need to be enrolled for their lessons at CFS to register for these ensembles.*

*\* Please note that string class placement for Afterschool Group Strings is established by instructor Keith Sanders. A child's experience and age will determine whether they will attend a Tuesday or Thursday class.*