



Handbook 2025 – 2026

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Contact Information

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Weekly Rehearsal Venue: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

3496 E. Morgan St., Martinsville, IN 46151
(school building)

Rehearsals are held every Thursday evening beginning mid-August through May.

Websites: www.woodridgemusicacademy.com

www.wmafineartscompetition.com

www.woodridgemusicstudio.com

Social Media:

Facebook: Woodridge Music Academy & Studio

Instagram: Woodridge Music

YouTube: Woodridge Music Academy Singers

TikTok: Woodridge Music Academy Singers

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Join our **REMINd** texting group for real time updates and announcements.

Text **@allwma** to 81010.

Welcome and Mission Statement

Welcome to Woodridge Music Academy's **nineteenth year!**

Whether you are a new or a returning family, we are honored to bring your children a quality music education. Thank you for your involvement and commitment as we strive toward a great year together with many musical opportunities for you and your children.

For many students, especially home-school students, a quality music education program is not readily available. The classes offered by the Academy provide students with a broader educational experience while also developing the students musically, socially, and spiritually. Each class is developmentally designed to teach age-appropriate musical skills. Students are taught the disciplines of music reading and vocal and instrumental techniques, disciplines which also develop leadership skills and team camaraderie.

Woodridge Music Academy offers quality music education in the Central Indiana Area. We are a faith-based music academy that desires to teach students to enjoy music and develop their God-given talents and abilities to be used in their homes, schools, and local churches.

Woodridge Music Academy (formerly Central Indiana Home School Choir) was founded in 2007 as a choral component of the Central Indiana Home School Band in Martinsville, Indiana. In 2013, the choir became Woodridge Music Academy.

**“Not by might,
nor by power,
but by My spirit,
saith the Lord”**

Zechariah 4:6

Meet the Staff

Lauri Wood, *Founder & Director, High School Choir
and Ensembles Director, High School Hand
Chime Choir Director, Drama Director*



Melissa Scott, *Website & Communications Administrator*



Corey Kennedy, *Secretary*

Carly Fitzgerald, *Prodigies®, Beginning Elementary Choir
Director*



Alicia Moore, *Intermediate Elementary Choir Director,
Elementary Hand Chime and Ukulele Choir,
Assistant Drama Director*

Bethanie Baughman,
*Auxiliary Flute
Ensemble Director*



Joy Anna Wall, *String Ensemble Director*

Class Schedule

Time	Large Motor Room	Girl Scout Room	Preschool Room #1	Preschool Room #2
4:00-4:30		High School Bell Choir (grades 7-12)		
4:15-4:45			String Ensemble	
4:30-5:00	High School Girls Ensemble (grades 7-12)	Elementary Bell Choir (grades 3-6)		High School Boys Ensemble (grades 7-12)
5:00-6:00	High School Choir (grades 7-12)	Elementary Intermediate Choir (grades 3-6)		Beginning Elementary Choir (grades K-2)
6:00-7:00		Drama (grades 3-12)		



Building Policies

As guests at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School, please show proper respect for the facilities by following these guidelines as requested by the church and school:

1. Please follow proper driving/parking procedures regarding the “One Way” directional signs. There may be weeks when parking is unavailable due to a church event, such as Maundy Thursday. In that case, student drop off/pick up is necessary. **DO NOT PARK.**
2. Please check for ALL belongings before leaving the building each week. Lost and found items will be stored in our designated closets.
3. Please dispose of all trash in the proper containers.
4. Please do not allow young students to sit in the hallway cubicles.
5. Please do not allow students to touch anything in the classrooms that is not the property of WMA.
6. Please do not bring balls to Luther Hall (lower level). Card games and board games may be enjoyed if students are having to wait.
7. The playground equipment is to be enjoyed by students in 6th grade and under. Please check for all belongings before leaving the playground. **Parents must monitor their own children on the playground.**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

For the safety and well-being of our students, we ask the parents to help with the following guidelines regarding arrival and dismissal:

1. All elementary students will be signed in and picked up by a parent or a driving sibling.
2. Elementary students will not be allowed to leave the building without a parent or high school/collegiate sibling.
3. When parking is unavailable due to church events, parents or a driving sibling will drop off and pick up students by texting the teacher. The teacher or the teacher’s assistant will dismiss each student at the door.
4. Please drop off and pick up your student(s) on time. If a parent is going to be late, please text the teacher.

Vocal Choirs & Classes

Beginning Elementary Choir

(Grades K-2)

This class is a general music class and choir for young elementary students with no musical experience, as well as students with 1-2 years' musical experience, or one year of Prodigies. Students will learn to...

- Read rhythm patterns and notation
- Play rhythm patterns on rhythm instruments
- Sing and sign solfege hand signs
- Conduct simple meters
- Identify the various orchestral instruments



Intermediate Elementary Choir

(Grades 3-6)

This choir is for students who have had at least two or more years of elementary choir experience or have taken private/group lessons and are already progressing in their musical skills. Students in this choir are eligible for competition in March. Students sing 2- and 3-part pieces and continue developing their choral skills. Instruments such as recorders and ukeleles are also included throughout the year.

High School Choir

(Grades 7-12)

Students sing a variety of genres including Latin, Classical (which includes Baroque, Romantic, and 20th Century), Folk, Spirituals, Classic Broadway, Patriotic, and Sacred Arrangements. All new students audition for voice quality and part placement. Students do not need to have choral experience or strong reading skills, but they **must have the ability to sing on pitch**. Membership is at the discretion of the director. Students may audition or be asked to join smaller ensembles. There is no additional cost for ensemble membership.

Instrumental Classes and Ensembles

Elementary Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 3-6)

This is a beginning hand chime choir to prepare students in grades 3-6 for competition. This class emphasizes the important skills of rhythm, music reading, and ensemble playing. **Ukuleles will also be offered to students in this choir.** This choir will participate in concerts and competition.

High School Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 7-12)

Music reading is a prerequisite for membership. Students learn the importance of ensemble playing, keeping a steady tempo, and teamwork. This choir performs at concerts, competition, and community events. Consistent attendance is a requirement to be a member. Enrollment is limited in this group. Additional students will be used as “understudies” so rehearsals may continue uninterrupted.

Flute Ensemble

(Auxiliary Adult Members)

Throughout the year, an auxiliary flute ensemble prepares for community events and concerts. The music is distributed to members to learn on their own time, but the group will rehearse together before performances. If interested, please contact the director.

Intermediate String Ensemble

The string ensemble practices weekly in preparation for community events, concerts, and competition. All players must audition for the director and be able to play basic scales and sightread sections for part placement. All string instruments are welcome to participate – violin, viola, cello.

Referral Program

Refer a family to join Woodridge Music Academy and receive either a \$25 Amazon gift card or a 10% first-quarter tuition discount for both you and the new family!



TUITION*

Prodigies®, Elementary, High School Choirs

# of Students	Quarter	Semester
1	\$100	\$200
2	\$190	\$380
3-4	\$240	\$480

Bell Choirs and Instrumental Ensembles

# of Students	Quarter	Semester
1	\$60	\$120
2	\$90	\$180
3	\$110	\$220

Drama

# of Students	Quarter	Semester
1	\$80	\$160
2	\$140	\$280
3	\$200	\$400

***Registration fees are included in the tuition totals.**

Monthly payment options are no longer available.

There will be a \$25 late fee for any late tuition payments.

DRAMA (Grades 3-12)

This class focuses on acting techniques, stage presence, script reading, diction, and teamwork through various activities such as choric speaking, readers theater, and staged vignettes. Becoming a drama member also helps the student build self-confidence, communication skills, and creativity. Drama is divided into two classes: elementary (grades 3-6) and high school (grades 7-12).

Dress Code

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27)

We firmly believe that God made only two genders – male and female. We accept, adhere to, and acknowledge the gender God created and has purposed for each individual. Therefore, we believe males should look like males and females should look like females. Our appearance and clothing choices should not draw undue attention to ourselves or become a stumbling block to those with whom we come into contact. Our appearance should always reflect the glory of God our Creator. Therefore, we ask that you please adhere to the following dress code while at rehearsals:

- No tank tops; spaghetti straps; or low-cut, see-through, or bare-midriff shirts
- No short shorts. All shorts must come to the knee.
- No undergarments should be showing.
- No holey jeans
- No leggings/jeggings
- No clothing promoting rock bands, pop/rock culture, or any worldly culture
(i.e. Peace Signs, Nazi Symbols, LGBTQ rainbows, etc.)

Guys – Hair should be short and neatly trimmed for performances
(i.e., off the eyebrows, ears, collar)

Girls – May wear neat, clean jeans (without holes), dress slacks, capris, knee-length shorts, or skirts/dresses. Please keep modesty in mind at all times.

Please refrain from unnaturally colored hair for group pictures and all performances.

High School Credit

High School students (grades 9-12) may earn a fine arts credit for each semester enrolled to be applied towards the state requirement. Students may receive ½ credit per semester enrolled. (One credit per full year.) Certificates are given to seniors at the end of each spring semester.

Student Progress

Music is an important key in providing a foundation for all learning and development of each child: cognitive, physical, social, language, and musical development. WMA partners with parents to educate their children at all levels. Students in the beginning choir create notebooks to show their musical progress throughout the year. These notebooks will help keep parents, students, and teachers accountable and on track so that each student is striving toward his or her musical goals. Young students have many opportunities available to them as they grow and develop musically through their years in the Academy. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in each student's progress and is taken into consideration each semester. If a student is struggling musically, private music lessons may be beneficial for the student. The Academy teachers can recommend private teachers if needed.

Promotion to the next level choir is a great incentive for each student. Sometimes a student needs another semester or year in the current class before becoming eligible for promotion. The Academy promotes elementary students at the Christmas concert (for the second semester) and at the spring concert (for the following year).

Attendance

Consistent attendance is vital to any young musician's growth and development. Practice at home is also extremely beneficial. If a student is ill or is aware of an upcoming absence, please text the teacher ahead of time.

Concert Attire

Elementary Students:

Boys: White, pressed, long-sleeved dress shirts

Black dress pants with belt

Black socks and black dress shoes

Bow ties will be given to the boys to wear at performance time and must be returned immediately following each performance.

Girls: White (not off-white) long-sleeved or 3/4 length shirts or blouses

Black skirt at least to the knees

Black nylons/tights and black dress shoes

(Please no colored belts or hair accessories that would distract from the group).

High School Students:

Girls:

Ready-made dresses are ordered twice a year from Formal Fashions, Inc. The cost of each black dress is \$65.00. There is an extra \$10.00 charge for larger sizes.

To view the selected dress, go to www.formalfashionsinc.com and type in **4855AA-E** in the search item style. The dresses come unhemmed and extra-long. Each dress will need to be hemmed 1" from the floor while wearing performance shoes. Please allow enough hemline to allow for growth. Girls will need to wear black hose and black closed-toe shoes. Please be sure to turn in order forms by the established date if new attire is needed.



Used dresses may be available for sale at the Swap-N-Shop table during Orientation Night and through the first few weeks of rehearsals. Anyone wishing to sell a dress should label the dress with name, size, and asking price.

Boys: Tuxedo shirts and vests are ordered twice a year from Formal Fashions, Inc. The shirts are \$18.00 each and the vests are \$25.00. **(\$43.00 total)** Bow ties are provided by the director and must be returned after each performance. Boys will provide their own black dress pants with a belt and black dress socks and shoes.

Please be sure to turn in order forms by the established date if new attire is needed.



WMA Apparel



We encourage all students to purchase WMA shirts to wear for group pictures, rehearsals, and community events that do not require formal concert attire, such as outdoor community performances. **Shirts are available in gray and burgundy.**

Prices: T-Shirt	\$14.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$18.00
Sweatshirt	\$20.00
Hoodie	\$24.00

Shirts may be ordered or purchased online on the website or at any of the rehearsals.



Woodridge Music Academy offers a full-day fine arts competition on the **first Thursday in March**. The purpose of the competition is to allow students to display their God-given talents while competing with other students in areas of art, drama, and music. The students are judged by professional, well-qualified judges in their area of expertise. The competition is open to all homeschool students and students in grades 3-12 who attend schools that do not participate in any other competitions. All choir students in grades 3-12 participate each year. Art is open to students as young as 1st grade. Students in 3rd grade may participate only in group events.

Please see the website for complete rules and registration forms:

www.wmafineartscompetition.com

Band, Choir, and String Festivals

High School students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in either a band, string, or choral festival workshop led by skilled guest conductors. The festival workshop rehearsals are scheduled later in the day following all competition categories.

Students obtain the festival music months before the competition day and learn their respective instrumental or vocal part ahead of time. The festival band and choir are open to both competing and non-competing students. The festival band and choir, along with the Best of Show from several categories, perform in the closing Awards Ceremony (6:30-8:00 p.m.). Competition Day is the highlight of our year!

Festival Band
Best of Show Categories
Festival Strings
Festival Choir
Winning Drama Performance
Winning Musical Performances
Winning Artwork Displayed

Yearly Events

Each year, Woodridge is privileged to be invited to perform at community events in Morgan County and surrounding areas. We also host our own events throughout the year.

- Old Town Waverly Park Festival – This festival takes place on the fourth Saturday in September. WMA choirs, high school handbell choir, and string and flute ensembles perform at the opening 10:00-11:00 a.m. ceremony.
- Bethlehem Walk – This interactive living nativity takes place at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on the first Saturday evening of December. WMA singers and instrumental groups perform throughout the evening.
- ChristKindl Market – This Christmas festival in downtown Nashville, Indiana, is a new opportunity for the Academy this year. Elementary and high school choirs will perform on Sunday, December 7, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Christmas Concert – Our Christmas concert for this year is “A Classical Christmas.” We will be focusing on the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic Christmases through drama and music.
- Martinsville Cookie Stroll – This annual event is held on the second Saturday of December. Due to building changes, we will no longer be a stop on the cookie stroll. We will provide high school and elementary Victorian singers in the afternoon only.
- Competition Recital and Desserts Fellowship – This is held the last Thursday in February, one week before competition. This is a relaxed, casual atmosphere for the students to perform their individual and group competition pieces. We ask each family to bring a dessert to share and enjoy during the performances.
- Competition Bake Sale – This is our annual fundraiser which takes place the day of competition. Families are asked to provide several home-baked items to sell. We also ask for store-bought drinks and snacks.
- Spring Concert – Our year ends with our annual spring concert. This year’s theme will focus on poetry selections set to music. We will also be celebrating our director’s fortieth year of teaching.
- Morgan County Farmers Market – During the summer, we perform at one of the community days at the farmers market in Martinsville. We will not know a date until we are officially invited, but it will be on a Saturday in June.

