



2007 CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 2027



Handbook 2026-2027

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Contact Information

The information covered in this handbook is subject to change without prior notice. Addendums may be added or distributed as necessary. All effort will be taken to communicate any new information as soon as possible. We ask that all parents and teens thoroughly read through this handbook.

All new information and changes are highlighted in yellow.

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Weekly Rehearsal Venue: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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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: @woodridgemusic

TikTok: @woodridgemusic

YouTube: Woodridge Music Academy Singers

Welcome and Mission Statement

Welcome to Woodridge Music Academy's 20th 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, school, 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 Director, High School Hand Chime Director, High School Drama Director.*



Melissa Scott, *Website Administrator*



Corey Kennedy, *Secretary*



Kaylee Davis, *Secretary, Photographer*



Carly Fitzgerald,
Beginning Elementary Choir Director



Alicia Moore, *Intermediate Elementary Choir Director,
Elementary Hand Chime Choir Director, Elementary Drama Director*



Joy Anna Wall, *String Ensemble Director*

Class Schedule

Time	Large Motor Skill Room	Girl Scout Room	Preschool Room #1	Preschool Room #2
4:15 – 4:45			String Ensemble	
5:00 – 5:30		HS Bell Choir		
5:30 – 6:00		Elem Bell Choir		
5:30 – 7:00	High School Choir			
6:00 – 7:00		Intermediate Elementary Choir		Beginning Elementary Choir
7:00 – 8:00	High School Drama	Elementary Drama		



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. Please do not park. **If you must stay, please park down at the bottom lot closest to Luther Hall in order to leave parking spots for church members.**
2. Please check for ALL belongings before leaving the building each week. Lost and found will be stored in our designated closets. **Teachers are not responsible for left items.**
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.



Vocal Choirs

Beginning Elementary Choir

(Grades K-2)

This engaging introductory class is designed for students in grades K-2 who are beginning their music journey, as well as those with one to two years of prior musical experience or one year in the Prodigies program. Through a combination of singing, movement, rhythm activities, games, and hands-on learning, students will build a strong musical foundation while developing confidence and a love for music.

Throughout the year, students will:

- ♪Identify, read, and perform basic rhythm patterns
- ♪Explore rhythm through the use of classroom percussion instruments
- ♪Learn and apply solfege syllables and Curwen hand signs
- ♪Improve vocal skills by learning to sing with accurate pitch and healthy tone
- ♪Strengthen listening skills through engaging activities
- ♪Discover the families of the orchestra
- ♪Create and maintain a personal music notebook throughout the year
- ♪Participate in choir for academy performances

Intermediate Elementary Choir

(Grades 3-6)

The Intermediate Elementary Choir is designed for students who have completed at least two years of elementary choir or have received private or group music instruction and are continuing to develop their musical abilities. Students refine their vocal technique while building confidence in part-singing through two- and three-part choral literature. Students in this ensemble are also eligible to participate in the academy's spring competition, providing an opportunity to further develop their musicianship in a performance setting.



High School Choir

(Grades 7-12)

The High School Choir provides students with opportunities to perform a diverse repertoire representing a wide range of musical styles, including Latin, Classical (Baroque, Romantic, and Twentieth Century), Folk, Spirituals, Classic Broadway, Patriotic, and Sacred literature.

New students participate in a brief vocal audition for voice placement and part assignment. Previous choral experience and advanced music-reading skills are not required; however, students should demonstrate the ability to sing on pitch and a willingness to learn. Membership is at the discretion of the director.

Students are encouraged to grow in vocal technique, musicianship, and ensemble performance while developing leadership and teamwork skills. Through the year, qualified students may be invited to participate in small vocal ensembles for additional performance opportunities.

Instrumental Ensembles

Elementary Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 3-6)

The Elementary Hand Chime Choir is designed to introduce students in grades 3-6 to the fundamentals of hand chime performance while preparing them for future competition opportunities. Students will develop essential musical skills, including rhythm, music reading, proper hand chime technique, ensemble performance, and teamwork. Members perform in school concerts and competitions.

High School Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 7-12)

The High School Hand Chime Choir is an advanced ensemble for students with prior music-reading experience. Members will strengthen their musicianship through advanced ensemble playing, rhythmic accuracy, steady tempo, and collaborative performance techniques. The choir performs at concerts, competition, and community events.

Consistent attendance and preparation are expected, as each member plays a vital role in the ensemble. Enrollment is limited. Additional students may be selected as alternates to ensure uninterrupted rehearsals and performances.

High School 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.



Tuition

Elementary Choirs (1:00 Length)

Student	Quarter	Semester
Student #1	\$100.00	\$200.00
Student #2 (10% disc)	\$90.00	\$180.00
Student #3 (20% disc)	\$80.00	\$160.00
Student #4 (30% disc)	\$70.00	\$140.00
Student #5 (50% disc)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Student #6 or more	FREE	FREE

High School Choir (1:30 Length)

Student	Quarter	Semester
Student #1	\$125.00	\$250.00
Student #2 (10% disc)	\$112.00	\$224.00
Student #3 - #4 (20% disc)	\$100.00	\$200.00

Registration fees are included in the tuition totals. Quarterly payments are due in 4 installments throughout the year – **August 20, October 1, January 7, March 11.**

Semester 1 = 16 Weeks

Semester 2 = 20 Weeks

Payments may be made in person by check or cash, online invoice, on the academy website,
or automated withdrawals on set dates.

Please indicate type of desired payment on the registration form.

Bell Choirs & Instrumental Ensembles

(:30 Length)

Student	Quarter	Semester
Student #1	\$50.00	\$100.00
Student #2 (10% disc)	\$45.00	\$90.00
Student #3 (20% disc)	\$40.00	\$80.00

Drama

(1:00 Length)

Student	Quarter	Semester
Student #1	\$80.00	\$160.00
Student #2	\$70.00	\$140.00
Student #3	\$60.00	\$120.00

Drama

(Grades 3-12)

This class focuses on acting techniques, stage presence, script reading, diction, emoting, and teamwork through various activities such as choric speaking, readers theater, and staged vignette scenes. 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) At Woodridge Music Academy, we believe God created each person uniquely as male or female and desires that our appearance reflect His design with modesty, respect, and excellence. As representatives of Christ and our academy, we strive to dress in a way that honors God, avoids unnecessary distraction, and demonstrates consideration for others.

We ask all students to follow these guidelines during rehearsals, performances, and academy events.

General Guidelines for All Students

Students should wear clothing that is neat, clean, modest, and appropriate for a learning and performance environment.

Please avoid:

- Tank tops or spaghetti straps
- Low-cut, see-through, or bare-midriff shirts
- Clothing that exposes undergarments
- Jeans or clothing with holes or excessive distressing
- Clothing displaying messages, images, or symbols that promote rock bands, pop culture, or values inconsistent with the academy's Biblical standards
- Unnaturally colored hair during group pictures and performances

Guidelines for Young Men

Young men should present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner.

- Hair should be neatly trimmed and styled so it remains above the eyebrows, ears, and collar for performances
- Shorts, when worn for rehearsals or approved events, should be knee length

Guidelines for Young Women

Young women are encouraged to dress with modesty and grace.

Appropriate attire includes:

- Neat jeans without holes
- Dress slacks
- Capri pants
- Knee-length shorts
- Skirts or dresses of modest length

Please choose clothing that provides appropriate coverages and reflects a modest, respectful appearance.

Thank you for helping us maintain an environment that reflects Christian values and allows the focus to remain on learning with musical excellence. We appreciate your partnership in supporting these guidelines.

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 graduating 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 or Fall 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.

Referral Program

Refer a family to join Woodridge Music Academy and receive a \$25 Amazon gift card for both you and the new family!



Concert Attire

NOTE: For first semester, students will be wearing colonial costumes for September and November performances, and Victorian costumes for the December performances.

Concert attire will be ordered in **January** for high school students needing black performance dress for competition and spring concert.

First Semester

In recognition of America's 250th Anniversary, and our participation in community events, Woodridge Music Academy students and teachers will wear colonial-inspired attire for the Waverly Festival on September 26 and the Fall Patriotic Concert on November 13.

The examples pictured provide costume ideas for children, teens, and adults. WMA will provide a selection of costumes for student use; however, families are welcome to provide their own colonial-style attire if preferred.

Many existing concert outfits (or any long dress) can be adapted with simple accessories. For example, a black concert dress may be complimented with a bonnet, apron, and shawl or scarf to create an appropriate colonial appearance. Likewise, boys and young men may wear white shirts, dark pants/breeches, boots, vests, or other colonial-style accessories. Woodridge will also provide fabric and patterns for those willing to sew.



Second Semester

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ length shirts or blouses

Black skirt (at least to the knee)

Black tights/hose and black dress shoes

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

High School Students:

Girls: Ready-made dresses are ordered 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 designated date in **January** if new attire is needed.

Used dresses may be available for sale at the Swap-N-Shop table in **January**. Anyone wishing to sell gently used concert attire should label each item with name, size, and asking price.

Boys: Tuxedo shirts and vests are ordered from Formal Fashions, Inc. The cost of each shirt is \$18.00 and each vest is \$25.00.



WMA Apparel

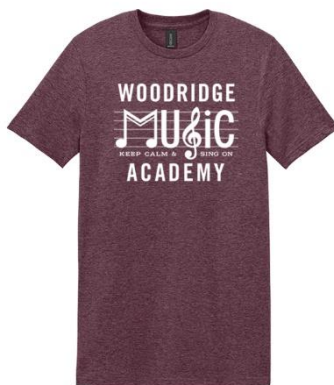
We encourage all students to purchase WMA shirts to wear for group pictures, rehearsals, and community events that do not require formal concert attire, such as outdoor community performances. Shirts are available in heather blue and heather maroon. In addition to our current line of shirts, this year we are offering a special 20th anniversary logo on all shirts!



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 weekly rehearsals. Please see the website for photos of all available apparel.





Woodridge Music Academy hosts an annual **Fine Arts Competition** on the **first Thursday in March**. This full-day event provides students with the opportunity to develop and showcase their God-given talents while receiving constructive evaluations from experienced judges in the areas of music, art, and drama. Competitions are evaluated by qualified professionals who offer meaningful feedback designed to encourage both personal and artistic growth.

The competition entries are open to home school students and students in grades 3 – 12 who attend schools that do not participate in another fine arts competition. Participation is a required part of the curriculum for all Woodridge Music Academy choir, instrumental, and drama students in grades 3 – 12.

Visual Arts Division: Students in **1st – 3rd grades** may participate by entering the annual **Coloring Page Contest**. Students in grades 4 – 12 are eligible to enter **all Visual Arts Categories**.

Music Division: Students in **3rd – 12th grades** are eligible to participate in music events. **Third grade students may participate in group events only and by invitation and discretion of the academy director.**

Complete competition rules, event categories, judges' forms, and registration information are updated each year and are available at www.wmafineartscompetition.com

Band, Choral, and String Festivals

High School students in **grades 6-12** are invited to participate in one of the Academy's **Band, Choral, or String festivals**. These festivals provide students with the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform under the direction of accomplished guest conductors and clinicians. Festival rehearsal take place following the completion of the day's competition events.

Students receive their festival music well in advance of Competition Day, allowing adequate time to prepare their individual instrumental or vocal parts. Participation in the festival ensembles is open to both competing and non-competing students.

The festival **Band, Choir, and String Orchestra**, along with the selected **Best of Show** performances and the winning drama presentation are featured during the closing Awards Ceremony. Competition Day is one of the highlights of the Academy year, celebrating excellence, growth, and the dedication of our students in the fine arts.



Yearly Events

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Throughout the school year, Woodridge Music Academy provides students with a variety of performance, educational, and community outreach opportunities. These events are designed to encourage musical excellence, build confidence through public performance, and serve our communities. Participation in academy-sponsored events allows students to apply the skills learned in the classroom while creating lasting memories with fellow musicians.

- **Opening Night – August 20**

The academic year begins with our annual Opening Night. Families will receive important information about the upcoming school year, meet teachers, and learn about academy expectations and events. A Parent & Teen Meeting will be held **5:45 – 6:15**, followed by rehearsals, and concluding with an ice cream social.

- **Recording Session – August 27**

Selected students will have the opportunity to participate in the *rescheduled* professional recording of “Heavenly Peace” with Foster Music Group in Gosport from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

- **Old Town Waverly Park Festival – Fourth Saturday in September (September 26)**

Each fall, Woodridge Music Academy participates in the Old Town Waverly Park Festival. The Intermediate and High School Choirs, High School Handbell Choir, Instrumental Ensembles, Drama students will perform during the festival’s opening ceremony at **10:00 – 12:00**.

- **Fall Patriotic/Veterans Concert – November 13**

Our bi-annual patriotic concert honors the service and sacrifice of our nation’s veterans and presidents through music. This year’s theme, “**America Sings – 250 Years**” celebrates our country’s rich heritage through music and costumed characters, while also honoring those who have served.

- **Christkindl Market – First Weekend in December**



The Intermediate and High School choirs, dressed as Victorian carolers, present traditional Christmas music, helping create the festive holiday atmosphere. This year’s performance is scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

- **Martinsville Cookie Stroll – Second Saturday in December (December 12, 2026)** The Intermediate and High School choirs will once again dress as Victorian Carolers and perform in the various participating businesses.



- **Competition Recital and Dessert Recital – Last Thursday in February (February 25)**

Held one week before the WMA Fine Arts Competition, this relaxed recital allows students to perform their competition selections in a supportive environment. Families are invited to bring a favorite dessert to share as we enjoy an evening of music and fellowship together.

- **Competition – First Thursday in March at Lifeway Baptist Church in Ellettsville (March 4)**

(Additional information is available on the competition website: www.wmafineartscompetition.com)

- **Competition Bake Sale**

Held during the Fine Arts Competition, the annual Bake Sale serves as an Academy fundraiser. Families are encouraged to contribute homemade baked goods as well as store bought beverages and snacks. Proceeds help support Academy programs and future events.

- **Spring Concert – May 21**

Our year concludes with our annual Spring Concert, showcasing the accomplishments of our students. This season, Woodridge Music Academy celebrates its 20th Anniversary by featuring favorite selections from the Academy's previous concerts, and concluding with a special performance by an alumni choir.



- **Morgan County Farmers Market – Saturdays**

During the summer months, students may be invited to perform during one of the Morgan County Farmers Market community events in Martinsville.

