

Performing Arts

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Program

The performing arts department strives to offer a well-rounded and diverse set of ensembles, classes and co-curriculars to serve the many interests of our student performers in aspects of choir, band and theatre.

Faculty

Debi Schutt, Chair

BM University of Dayton
MS University of Dayton
19 years of experience

Caitlin Cronin Bennett

BA University of Dayton
MSE University of Dayton
9 years of experience

Ann Hawthorn

BM Wright State University
MM Ohio State University
18 years of experience

Department Highlights

- ✓ Four school concerts are presented throughout the year which include performances from all of our band and choir ensembles, including concert band, concert choir, instrument ensembles, Hands In Harmony, Busted Box Improv Troupe, a capella groups and liturgical choir.
- ✓ In addition to participating in many CJ events, our ensembles perform throughout the greater Dayton community. Past performances have included the Brunner Literacy Center Walk and Hispanic Heritage Festival parade (band), Dayton Homeless Vigil (choir), and Red Ribbon Day at Our Lady of the Rosary. We participated in the grand opening celebration of the Levitt Pavilion in downtown in July 2018.
- ✓ Band and choir students have been nominated and selected for numerous honor bands and choirs throughout the tri-state area, including All State Band in 2019.
- ✓ In addition to leading musical worship at school Masses and Baccalaureate, liturgical choir also takes part in community events, such as Angels Night at Calvary Cemetery.
- ✓ Two drama productions each year including a fall play and a spring musical. Recent shows include: *A Murder is Announced*, *Cinderella*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Little Women*. Performers were celebrated in the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards with numerous recognitions and top honors for the fall play and musical.
- ✓ CJ's improv troupe Busted Box, participates in local competitions and hosts a showcase for area schools.
- ✓ Performing arts students travel to perform and participate in educational workshops.
- ✓ We provide outreach to grade school students through our continued partnership with Our Lady of the Rosary to enhance their general music program, and provide workshops for area grade schools.
- ✓ Our staff teaches Musical Theatre summer camp as part of the CJ Eagles Summer Camp program.

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CJ PoPS-Parents of Performing Arts Students is an energetic group of parents who support performing arts events and activities, making performing arts an even more meaningful experience for students.

Courses/Ensembles

Concert Band

Percussion Ensemble

Beginning Guitar

Eagle Pride Marching Band

String Ensemble

Concert Choir

Liturgical Choir

Pop A Cappella

Groups: Vega and
Phoenix

Music Theory &
Composition 1/2

Fine Arts/Music

Fine Arts Theatre

Acting I

Acting II

Improv Troupe

Advanced Acting & Directing