

Trinity Christian School Performing Arts 2023 - 2024 ELECTIVES GUIDE

OVERVIEW OF ELECTIVES

This guide is designed to provide parents and students with an understanding of the electives available through the Performing Arts Program at Trinity Christian School (TCS). The goal is to assist families in choosing the electives that will best meet the needs of each student as they explore their interest in the Arts.

The Performing Arts Program at TCS offers a variety of elective programs for **Elementary, Middle,** and **High School students**, including:

1. Recorders
2. Orchestra
3. Band
4. Chorus
5. Theatre
6. Production/Media
7. Worship



ELECTIVES BY GRADE

GRADE	RECORDERS	ORCHESTRA	BAND	CHORUS	THEATRE	PRODUCTION / MEDIA	WORSHIP
Elementary (4th Grade)	✓	✓					
Elementary (5th Grade)		✓	✓	✓			
Middle School (6th - 8th Grade)		✓	✓	✓	✓		
High School (9th - 12 th Grade)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about Performing Arts and our Elective Options, please contact the **Director of Performing Arts, Tim Hurt** at tim.hurt@tcsions.org.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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4TH & 5TH GRADE ELECTIVES

*4th and 5th Grades are the only grades in your TCS experience where choosing a Performing Art is required. Students choose between one of the following:

4th Grade:

- Recorders
- Orchestra

5th Grade:

- Orchestra
- Band
- Chorus

4th Grade Recorders is designed as an introduction to instrumental music, in particular on a wind instrument. Students are required to own their own recorder. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester.

4th Grade Orchestra is designed also as an introduction to instrumental music, this course including the traditional orchestra instruments - violin, viola and cello. Students are required to own their own instrument, either through rental or purchase. We have materials available to help in your selection and procurement of an instrument. There is an at-home practice requirement for this elective. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester.

5th Grade Orchestra is our beginner orchestra, the second year we offer this elective. This orchestra also operates as a beginner group, although some of these students are in their 2nd year of instruction. Students choose their instrument through a process led by our orchestra director. Students are required to own their own instrument, either through rental or purchase. We have materials available to help in your selection and procurement of an instrument. There is an at-home practice requirement for this elective. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip opportunities are also available throughout the year.

5th Grade Band is our beginner band, the first year we offer this elective. Students choose their instrument through a process led by our band director. We ask students' preference, and also assess their ability through a "Fast Start" program. Students are required to own their own instrument, either through rental or purchase. We have materials available to help in your selection and procurement of an instrument. There is an at-home practice requirement for this elective. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip opportunities are also available throughout the year.

5th Grade Chorus - Up until now, students have had their chorus experience through our general music classes (3rd grade and lower). In this elective, students have their first large group chorus opportunity. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip opportunities are also available throughout the year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

- Orchestra
- Band
- Chorus
- Theatre

Orchestra is comprised of 6th through 8th grade students. Typically these students will have one or more years of experience on their instrument. Students are required to own their own instrument, either through rental or purchase. There is an at-home practice requirement for this elective. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip and festival opportunities are also available throughout the year.

Band is comprised of 6th through 8th grade students. Typically these students will have one or more years of experience on their instrument. Students are required to own their own instrument, either through rental or purchase. There is an at-home practice requirement for this elective. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip and festival opportunities are also available throughout the year.

Chorus is comprised of 6th through 8th grade students. Students advance their music knowledge in more detail throughout these middle school years, including theory, history and other skills. Students participate in live performances at the end of each semester. Field trip and festival opportunities are also available throughout the year.

Theatre is comprised of 6th through 8th grade students. This elective focuses on the fundamentals of Theatre, as well as student performance. Students participate in live performances as part of each semester, including participation in the annual Middle School musical. Field trip opportunities are also available throughout the year.



HIGH SCHOOL

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1. Chamber Group (Combined Band / Orchestra)
2. Chorus
3. Technical Theatre
4. Advanced Theatre
5. Film / Broadcast Production
6. Live Media Production
7. Worship Team

Chamber Group (Combined Band/Orchestra) (CTAE) Provides opportunity to develop instrumental performance skills on traditional band and orchestra instruments. Emphasizes preparation toward performance. Stresses individual progress and group experiences.

Chorus (CTAE) Provides opportunity to develop performance skills and knowledge in choral singing. Covers multiple styles and musical periods. Emphasizes preparation toward performance. Stresses individual progress and group experiences.

Technical Theatre (CTAE) (Fundamentals of Theatre is a prerequisite unless approved by Theatre Director) Through hands-on projects and an emphasis on production, develop your skills as a Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager and other positions, as well as discover a passion for design through props, costumes, and scenery. First semester will focus on the basics of the team positions and how to lead effectively, using One Act as a space to put skills into practice. We will also begin to develop ideas for the Spring show. Second Semester will focus heavily on producing designs and materials for the Spring show as well as other projects. Students can take this course multiple times.

Advanced Theatre (CTAE) (Fundamentals of Theatre a prerequisite) Revisits the basics of acting while learning to develop and portray characters in meaningful ways, understand positions of creative teams from performance to technical, and produce group projects focused on One Act and Spring Musical. We will also begin to explore future opportunities in theatre post high school. This class centers heavily on performance, with new material and focuses on growth every year. Tangible elements of production available while continuing to sharpen skills in all areas of theatre. Students can take multiple times.

Film/Broadcast Production (CTAE) This is an introductory course to Christian worldview media production. This course is designed to include but not be limited to lectures, workshops, and hands-on production experience. This practical class is aimed at beginners and also students with existing knowledge of media processes and visual storytelling. Weekly student news segments will be created to highlight life at TCS by putting our students in the news anchor's chair. Additional opportunities such as film festivals, remote broadcast journalism, and other film/broadcast media related events will be offered throughout the year.

Live Media Production (CTAE) Covers a wide range of topics relating to the A/V Infrastructure that supports live performance events. Students will learn basic audio engineering practices, presentation software (Pro-Presenter), cable management and terminology, and stage safety. This class directly supports our High School Worship Team course, and meets at the same time to help facilitate their rehearsals needs as well as provide in-class instructional time where students will learn and review topics discussed during practical application from live rehearsals. High School chapel services as well as other A/V related activities such as Athletic event media, school theatrical productions, and various school events throughout the year will be supported.

Worship Team (CTAE) Focus is on preparing and practicing for weekly chapel services. Students who have a heart for worship and the desire to help lead their peers in worship should join this team. Covers both instrumental and vocal technique and delivery in a worship setting.

