

The Saint Ignatius High School Choral Program is recognized as one of the premier choral programs in the state of Ohio. Students of all abilities and experience levels are welcome to participate in one or more of our offerings.

WHERE TO FIND THE SAINT IGNATIUS CHORUS

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

October 14 - 15

Fall Break Trip to Cincinnati

October 22

4:30 Mass at Gesu Church, University Heights with a mini-concert to follow

December 5

Cat-o'-Tonics Christmas Concert, with Saint Ignatius Jazz Ensemble and Steel Drum Ensemble 7 p.m. in The Breen Center for the Performing Arts

December 11

22nd Annual Lessons and Carols, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Cleveland (Bridge Ave.)

February 4

4:30 Mass at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village with a mini-concert to follow

February 26

OMEA Preview Concert at 3 p.m. in The Breen Center for the Performing Arts

April 26

"Music Near the Market" Concert Series, 12:15 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cleveland (W. 30th St.)

May 10

Spring Choral Concert at 7:00 p.m. in The Breen Center for the Performing Arts



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SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CURRICULAR COURSES

AM I ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHORUS AND SPORTS OR OTHER EXTRACURRICULARS?

Absolutely! There are a number of students in Chorus who also play sports and are involved in other extracurriculars. In the rare circumstance that conflicts arise for an event, the director will work with students to find a compromise.

IS PARTICIPATING IN CHORUS EXPENSIVE?

No. All necessary Chorus materials are provided by the school.

DO I NEED TO BE A GREAT SINGER TO PARTICIPATE?

No. The goal of the Choral Program is to help students develop their musical skills to be all that they can be. Everyone is able to sing and can learn how to get better. Singing is a skill, just like throwing a baseball or learning a language.

DO I NEED TO HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE TO JOIN?

No. Students are able to learn to sing in choir without any prior experience.

IS CHORUS A LARGE TIME COMMITMENT?

The Chorus and Freshman Chorus rehearse during the school day. There are no rehearsals outside of school. The only times that there will be events outside of the school day are for concerts, adjudications, and Masses.

ARE THERE ANY CLASSES THAT WILL PROHIBIT ME FROM JOINING CHORUS?

On some rare occasions, classes may overlap. The best way to approach this is for students to have a discussion with their counselor.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE SUMMER CLASSES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN CHORUS?

No. Students enrolling in Chorus are able to complete their graduation requirements without taking online or summer classes. Summer classes are offered to give students more flexibility in scheduling.

CURRICULAR COURSES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

FRESHMAN CHORUS GRADE 9

The Freshman Chorus is the entry-level choral group at Saint Ignatius. Students who join the choral program during their freshman year are placed in this ensemble. Emphasis is placed on healthy vocal development and producing good choral tone. Music literacy is introduced in this ensemble. The Freshman Chorus performs at four major concerts each year and will sing at some of the school Masses. Additionally, students will perform at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event.

CHORUS GRADES 10-12

The Saint Ignatius High School Chorus is open to any sophomore, junior or senior. The Chorus members sing at multiple concerts throughout the year, and will provide the music for numerous Masses as well. The group occasionally will be asked to perform for community events or festivals, and also performs at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event each year. The Chorus performs high-level male choral music from a variety of cultures and styles.

EXTRACURRICULAR GROUPS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

CAT-O'-TONICS

GRADES 10-12
MUST BE MEMBERS OF CHORUS

The Saint Ignatius High School Cat-o'-Tonics was founded in 2005 by Saint Ignatius President, Fr. Ray Guiao, S.J. '82. Around 15 members of the Saint Ignatius Chorus are admitted into this group by audition each year. They specialize in singing *a cappella* pop music. The ensemble rehearses after school twice a week for 45 minutes. The Cat-o'-Tonics are invited to sing at a variety of school and community events annually.

GOD SQUAD

GRADES 9-12
OPEN TO ANY STUDENT

The God Squad is our student cantor ministry for Masses. This group of students primarily leads the singing for Masses on Friday mornings before school. There are also some additional cantoring opportunities that occur at other Masses throughout the year.

