



September 8th, 2016

Dear Glamorgan School Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is with great honour and excitement that I am writing this letter to you, at the beginning of what will undoubtedly be an invigorating year together! Upon entering Glamorgan School, the sense of community was immediately evident. It was refreshing to see and inspired me as I designed the k – 4 music program for the year.

The music program is centred on student community, collaboration and engagement based on the pedagogical strategies of Carl Orff. Daily, students will engage in listening to music, singing, playing various pitched and non-pitched percussion instruments, movement and dance. K – 2 students will develop fundamentals of musicianship, such as beat, rhythm and pitch matching through a variety of activities based on traditional folk melodies. Using these melodies, students will be the leaders in exploring the song through instrumentation, composition, movement and chant. Grades 3 and 4 students will extend their fundamental skills through an increased focus on reading, writing, singing and playing both the ukulele and recorder. They too, will participate in many improvisational activities centred on student leadership and creation with the many different instruments available to them in the music room. Students' achievement will be showcased at the K-4 winter concert, and may also be featured at assemblies throughout the year.

I am pleased to announce that this year I will be offering extracurricular music options such as handbell choir, choral and djembe club, depending on interest. These clubs are open to all students who are interested, and will be starting in late September, or early October. Rehearsals for these clubs will be held over lunch hours throughout the year.

What a year we have in store! I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you, getting to know you and making memories to last a lifetime. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best Regards,

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