



Junior Program

For musicians who are finishing grade 4, 5 or 6

The KISSM Junior Program is specially designed to have something for everyone! It has been developed for students who love choir or who want to learn a band instrument, or improve on an instrument they already play. Young musicians have a choice of either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning and two electives in the afternoon. The KISSM Junior Program offers a great opportunity for your young musicians to grow and improve, try something new and meet new friends.

Ready to register now? [CLICK HERE](#) to go straight to the KISSM registration form!

KISSM Junior Program - Morning

Young musicians have a choice of either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program**

Choir Program

This morning program is perfect for any young musician who enjoys singing! Students do not have to have any experience with singing or choir, as long as they are eager to learn and participate! During the 3 weeks of KISSM, participants will focus on many fundamentals of choir including choral singing in two and/or three-part voicing, reading music, building strong vocal technique and working in larger ensembles to learn pieces of music. Students will explore a variety of styles and are sure to gain confidence as singers while having fun with others.

Band Program

Young musicians in the **Band Program** will be placed in one of our fantastic band classes. On the first morning of KISSM, all instrumental students (except for complete beginners) will meet with a KISSM faculty member in order to determine which ensemble will best fit their skill level. **Students will be asked to play during this meeting, but don't need to practice or prepare anything special. Any students who feel anxious or uncomfortable about this placement audition will be given special assistance.**

For students who are finishing grade 4: Young musicians in this age group will be provided with special [Nuvo and pBone band instruments](#)! These instruments are perfect for introducing younger children to band instruments because they are specially designed for small hands and made out of a lighter material.

For students who are finishing Grade 5 and 6: you need to bring your own instrument

All students registered for the **Band Program** who have finished grades 5 and 6 by the summer of 2022 must bring their own band instrument on the first day of KISSM. Percussionists should bring a “kit bag” with sticks and mallets. If you don't own an instrument one can be rented from Long and McQuade.

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Traditional Concert Band instrumentation includes woodwind, brass and percussion instruments ([click here for a comprehensive list of Concert Band instruments](#)). Please note that electric bass guitar can not be supported in Concert Band. Young musicians who play electric bass should consider upright bass if they wish to be a part of the KISSM Concert Band Program.

3 Levels of Band

Intro-To-Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who want to learn how to play a concert band instrument, and is a great head start for those joining their school band programs in the fall! Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians.

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Intermediate Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who already play a concert band instrument. Students will refine their technique, experience music in different styles and work to strengthen their overall musicianship. Large group performance is the emphasis in this course, which is great for students wishing to gain experience and become key players in their school ensembles. Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians. All students must bring their own instruments, percussionists will need to bring a “kit bag.”

Senior Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who have performed in a concert band and loved it! KISSM provides approachable but exciting music intended for students who already have a few years of experience on their instruments. Students will strengthen their rhythmic and music literacy skills and have expert guidance to take their playing ability to the next level in a short time. All students must bring their own instruments, percussionists will need to bring a “kit bag.”



Junior Program - Afternoon Electives

Elective A - choose one:

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR : Cast

We are pleased to announce our Junior Program musicians will have the option to perform in ***“Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR”*** this summer! Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture (featuring the enormously popular Academy Award-winning music and delightfully charming book and lyrics). Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

Students who register for “Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR.” must register for this elective in both Elective A and Elective B.

Ukulele

Whether you are a beginner or already have some skills, this course will take you to the next level in your ukulele playing. Learn to read music, pick and strum while mastering pieces you can play at home alone or with your friends. Ukuleles are provided.

Theatre Sports

Come live in the moment, hone your comic timing and gain your confidence as a performer in a supportive environment. In this course you will play theatre games that focus on physical activity, fun improvisation skills and team building. Come let your light shine while making new friends!

Elective B - choose one:

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR: Cast

Students who register in Junior Music Theatre must register for this elective in both Elective A and B.

Guitar

Whether you are a beginner guitar player or have some skills already, this course will take you to the next level in your guitar playing. Learn to read music including tab, pick and strum while learning those pieces you love and can play at home, around the campfire or with your friends. Guitars are provided, but bring your own if you have one!



Instrument Fab Lab

Whether it is a *watermelonium* or a *tubamophone*, your imagination is the only limit to what you can create in Instrument Fab Lab! Turn basic construction materials and found objects into musical instruments while learning about the basic physics of sound. Students will be taught to use basic hand tools safely and will work with a variety of materials. We can't wait to see your creations!

Prerequisite: None, this class is for everyone!

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