April 2024



MEET OUR FACULTY



Introducing string faculty member Helen Butler-Ceppaglia, a versatile musician with multi-instrument & multi-genre proficiencies. She earned a Masters of Music Education from SUNY Fredonia and holds a NYS Teaching Certificate in Music. She taught Orchestra and General Music in Buffalo Public Schools for twenty years, including ten years as Director of Orchestras at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. Helen is a 2009 Inductee into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame with the band McCarthyizm. She has performed with local orchestras in many top local venues.



Summer Camp registration is now open for all camps! Visit our website for more information and to register.

NEW FREE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!!!



CMS is providing a new singing opportunity for students in grades 3-8. All levels and abilities welcome! The choir meets Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Please contact our front desk if you're interested! This choir is FREE and all are welcome!

CMS CLOSINGS

SPRING RECESS: CMS will be closed starting Friday, March 29 and will reopen Tuesday, April 9. There will be no lessons or classes and students are not charged when the school is closed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL RECITAL

Our April Recitals are Friday April 19 @ 6:00 p.m. for all vocal & instrumental students, and an "Adults Only" gathering at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up at the front desk.

RHYTHM SECTION CLINIC WITH LUKE COMBS' BAND

Join us as two musicians from Grammy Nominated Luke Combs' band (bass guitarist Mat Maxwell and drummer Jake Sommers) hold a rhythm section clinic on Saturday April 20 @ 12:00 p.m. They will discuss the importance of rhythm section in a band, musical skills, life as a touring musician, the music industry, and more! Tickets are free for current CMS students & \$20 for non-students.

MAY RECITAL

Our May Recitals are Friday May 10 @ 6:00 p.m. for all vocal & instrumental students, and an "Adults Only" gathering at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up at the front desk.

ALL VOICES CONCERT

The All Voices Concert will be held on Tuesday May 21 and will feature the CMS Community Chorus, Children's Choir, faculty performances and our vocal classes. This concert will be at the Montante Cultural Center at Canisius at 7:00 p.m.

SKILLS SHOWCASE (FORMERLY PERFORMANCE EXAMS)

Our CMS Skills Showcase (formerly the Performance Exams) are May 17-19 located at our Hamlin Park location. <u>Students may sign up starting April 9th.</u>

Please visit our website for up to date information on all things CMS at www.communitymusicbuffalo.org!



SPRING GROUP CLASS & ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION

Registration is open for spring group classes and ensembles! Visit our website at www.communitymusicbuffalo.org, stop by our front desk, or call at 716-884-4887 to register today!

YOU CHOOSE ENVELOPE CHALLENGE

March is "Music in our Schools" month! Help us celebrate our 100th Year Anniversary by donating to our YOU CHOOSE Envelope Challenge! Choose an envelope on the wall across from our front desk and donate the amount on the envelope! You can also donate online by scanning the QR code below!





100TH YEAR GALA OCTOBER 16

COMMUNITY FRIDGE DONATIONS

CMS is currently accepting donations of perishable and non-perishable goods, bottled water, and personal hygiene items. Please drop them off at the table across from the front desk at our Hamlin Park location. There is still much food insecurity in our community! Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



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