



# OMPH School Scene

## Instrumental Music at OMPH Rocks!

At the start of each school year, amid the excitement of being in a new grade and making new friends, another new experience awaits our third- through eighth- graders: the opportunity to play a musical instrument.



Time and again, scientific research supports the benefits of music education; there is a direct correlation between reading comprehension and the analysis, concentration and perseverance needed to succeed as a musician. As students dive deeper into the theoretical nature of music, STEM emerges: the science of acoustics, innovations in musical technology, and mathematical connections between pitches, chords and rhythm structures.

Mrs. Corinne Kern and Mr. Daniel List come to OMPH from Lancaster Catholic High School to teach string and band instruments. This is the beginning of a lifetime of music for many students! Few will

become professionals; many will enjoy making music as a leisure activity for many years to come. Some students pursue the intimate solitude of expressing their emotions through music in private; others enjoy the camaraderie of playing in a small group, a band or an orchestra. Whether they enjoy country & western, jazz, pop, or even opera, there is a musical outlet for everyone.



Piano and voice lessons are also offered by OMPH Music Teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Rineer, who offers private lessons to interested students during the school day. Beginning piano students learn basic piano skills, and then have the opportunity to become part of Piano Company, a talented group of pianists who play for the weekly school Mass. Voice students are encouraged to become members of our Mass choir of 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders who lead our hymns and cantor for our weekly school liturgies.

It is a joy to see our OMPH students sharing their talents at Mass on Fridays, going on to perform in ensembles at LCHS, and for some, pursuing music as a career choice. We are grateful to Lancaster Catholic High School and Mrs. Rineer for providing musical opportunities to our students at OMPH!

## Celebrating the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Throughout the month of October, the children have been praying a decade of the Rosary daily during morning prayers. We also invited our school families to join in prayer having their children lead a decade of the Rosary each week at home with their families. Each family received a special bag of "Mission Rosaries" with each decade representing prayers for a different continent or region of the world. Also during October the children are donating to "Pennies for the Missions" collecting for the Missionary Childhood Association whose primary aim is to encourage children to share their faith with children in the Developing World through their prayers, personal sacrifices and financial offerings.

