

# Chapel Hill Academy Fine Arts Handbook 2021-2022



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**Fine Arts are thriving here at Chapel Hill Academy!** Inside you will find a wonderfully detailed handbook of all our fine arts offerings for the entire 2021-2022 school year. Here at CHA we pursue the study of visual, musical, and theatre arts with these five distinctives in mind: *Glorifying God, Pursuing Excellence, Growing in Relationships, Fostering Creativity, and Studying the Classics.* Whether you are a prospective family considering CHA for your child, or a current family who is looking to see what amazing Fine Arts opportunities await you this school year, we hope that you are inspired, informed, and invigorated by all the Fine Arts offerings at CHA!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
**Emily Danger**  
**Director of Fine Arts**



## Five Distinctives

### **1) Glorifying God**

Our relationships with Christ come first at Chapel Hill Academy, and that is no more evident than in the Fine Arts program. Talents are God-given, and we foster those gifts to glorify our Creator.

### **2) Pursuing Excellence**

Students are encouraged to excel at a high standard in all their pursuits. Whether we are studying standard artistic practices or examining new methods, our pursuit of excellence in fine arts is a distinctive offering here at Chapel Hill.

### **3) Growing in Relationships**

We foster growth in students' relationships with God, their peers, and themselves. Fine Arts at Chapel Hill Academy take place in a team-oriented environment where students build character, confidence, and collaborative skills.

### **4) Fostering Creativity**

God is the ultimate creator, and at Chapel Hill Academy we emulate that attribute by pursuing creativity ourselves! Students are given opportunities to study the creative process and develop their own individual creative skills.

### **5) Studying the Classics**

Teaching a classics-based Fine Arts curriculum at Chapel Hill Academy means that students have the exciting opportunity to study what makes great art - great! We cover the best of the best, old and new, when it comes to visual art, music, and theatre.

# Fine Arts Overview

## Visual Art

Painting  
Sculpting  
Drawing

## Music

General Music (Jr. K - 4th)  
Choir (5th - 8th)  
7th and 8th grade band students may opt out of choir.

Band (5th—8th)

## Theatre

Musical Theatre (7th - 8th)  
Theatre Tech (7th - 8th)

## Extracurricular:

Worship Team (5th - 8th)

Class	Core Curricular	7th & 8th Elective	Extracurricular
Elementary General Music			
Musical Theatre			
Middle School Choir or Band	*		
Theatre Tech			
Worship Team			
Visual Art		**	

**\*Band is a core curricular class for only those students in 7th—8th grades who have opted out of choir.**

**\*\* Visual art is an elective class for 8th grade only.**

## **Emily Danger - Director of Fine Arts**

Email: dangere@chapel-hill.org

Years at CHA: Since 2021

Years Teaching: twelve

Education: MME University of South Dakota  
BME University of Northwestern—  
St. Paul

Classes : General Music (Jr. K– Kindergarten)  
Choir (5th - 8th)  
Assist Musical Theater



## **Derek Bates - Music and Drama Teacher**

Email: batesd@chapel-hill.org

Years at CHA: Since 2021

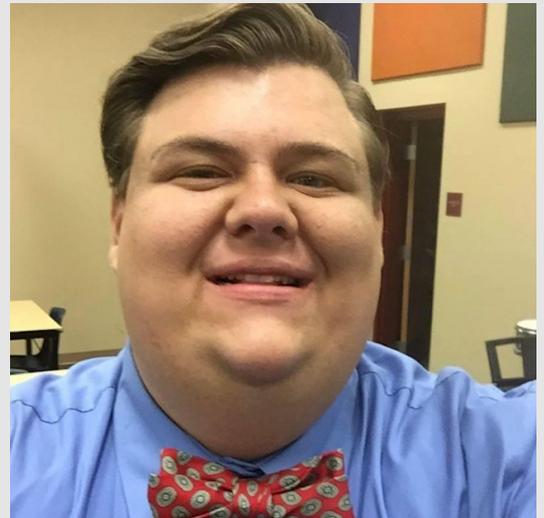
Years Teaching: three

Education: BME Crown College  
BA Crown College

Classes : General Music (1st-4th)  
Assist Choir (5th - 8th)

Co-Curricular: Musical Theater

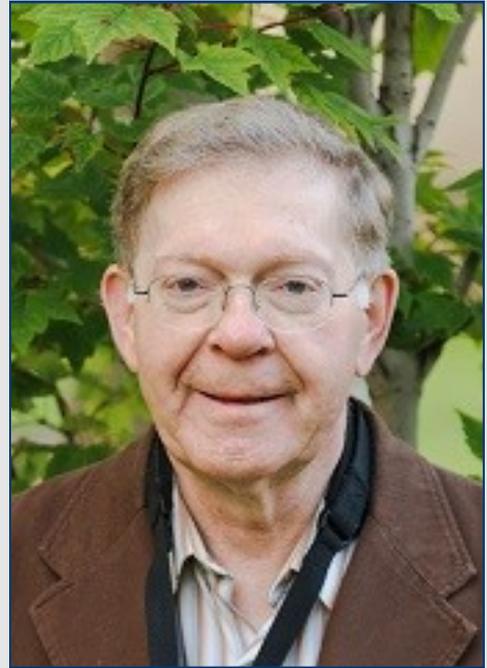
Extra Curricular: Worship Team



## George Runyan - Band

Email: runyang@chapel-hill.org  
Years at CHA: Since 1994  
Years Teaching: Fifty-three  
Education: BFA Augustana University  
Classes: Band  
Extracurricular: Private Lessons

Events: Veterans Day  
Christmas Concert  
Solo & Ensemble Contest  
Spring Concert  
8th Grade Graduation



## Lisa Sweeney - Visual Arts

Email: sweeneyl@chapel-hill.org  
Years at CHA: Since 2006  
Years Teaching: Fifteen  
Education: MA Bethel University  
BS University of Wisconsin-Stout  
ACSI Certification

Classes: Elementary Art (K-5th)  
Middle School Art (6th-7th)  
2D Art Studio  
3D Art Studio

Events: Make & Sell Marketplace (at Christmas Concert)  
All School Art Show (at Spring Concert)



## Performance Calendar Overview

- Grandparents Day
- Veterans Day
- Christmas Musical
- Christmas Concert
- Band Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Community Worship Night
- Easter Chapel
- Spring Musical
- Band Grand Concert
- Spring Concert
- Graduations

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

## Grandparents Day

**October 1st, 2021 Time: TBA**

**Featuring:** All grades

**Dress:**

- JrK - 4th: CHA uniforms with solid colors/patterns
- 5th - 8th: Concert Attire

We welcome our wonderful Grandparents to CHA on this special day! The festivities include a program featuring musical performances by students at every grade level.

## Veterans Day Celebration

**November 11, 2021**

- **Reception**
- **Program**

**Featuring:** 5th - 8th Grade Band

**Dress:** Concert Attire

A highlight of the year, Veterans Day is when we gather as a school to honor and celebrate our military members past and present. The program will feature the CHA Band playing national anthem.

**All Dates and Times**

**Subject to Change**

## Christmas Musical

**December 9, 2021:**

- **10:00a Matinee**
- **6:30p** (6:00p students are called)

**Featuring:** JK - 4th Grade

**Dress:**

- JK: Christmas Dress Clothes
- K-4th: Costumes (Info sent out in October)

An outstanding CHA tradition, the elementary school Christmas Musical this year is "A Tree Lot Christmas."

This festive, fun-filled Christmas musical conveys the importance of sharing Christ's love with others. Filled with vibrant songs that deliver the truth of God's word and a dramatic script that follows a group of children selling Christmas trees in front of Mr. Char-michael's toy store, this delightful musical demonstrates the powerful message of Christ's love.

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

# Performance Spotlights

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## *Sounds of the Season* **Christmas Concert & Make and Sell Marketplace**

**December 14, 2021:**

- **10 AM Matinee**
- **6:30p** (6:00p students are called)

### **Featuring:**

- CHA Band
- 5th/ 6th Grade Choirs
- 7th/8th Grade Choirs

**Dress:** Concert Attire

Come join the combined choirs and band to celebrate the birth of Christ through song and scripture. With the sounds of Christmas, we will worship the Lord with familiar carols and inspiring songs , telling the story of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. Complete with the pageantry of Christmas tradition, this service will be all about contemplating and celebrating His coming!

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

## Band Solo and Ensemble Contest

**Date:** March 11, 2021

**Featuring:** CHA Band

**Dress:** Concert Attire

Student instrumentalists, small ensembles and the CHA Band will perform solo and ensemble pieces for a judge and receive ratings for their performances. Culminating the event will be the entire band performing, seeking to earn yet another superior rating!

## Family Worship Night

**October 28**

**Featuring:** Worship Team

**Dress:** Everyday clothes (no uniforms)

This event will be a spirit-filled night of singing songs of praise to our mighty God! Student worship teams will lead worship for CHA families, students, staff, and guests. We will come together as a community to worship God, pray for our school, and hear His word. All are invited!

**All Dates and Times**

**Subject to Change**

## Easter Chapel

**April 14, 2022 2:00p**

**Featuring:** Kindergarten - 4th Grade

**Dress:**

- Blue CHA polos
- Khaki or navy bottoms

He is Risen! Kindergarten through fourth grade students will perform their Easter music as part of the CHA Easter Chapel. Telling the story of Jesus' ministry, death, resurrection, the students' collective voices will inspire us to remember how Christ died and rose in glory!

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

## Spring Musical: Beauty & the Beast Jr.

**May 10:**

- **10:00a School Preview Performance**

**May 12**

- **10:00a, 6:30p Performance**

**Featuring:** 7th & 8th Grade Musical Theatre students

**Dress:** Costumes (Info sent out in January)

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

With many fun supporting roles allowing students to play objects inside the castle, this "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities.

**All Dates and Times**

**Subject to Change**

## Spring Concert & All School Art Show

**May 5, 10:00a & 6:30p**

**Featuring:** Band, 5th & 6th Grade Choirs

**Dress:** Concert Attire

Our Spring Concert will feature the musical talents of CHA Band and Choir students as they present their best offerings of the year! Come to hear a wide variety of music, ranging from sacred masterworks to folksongs to pops favorites.

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

## Graduations

### Kindergarten: June 1, 2022

- **Featuring:** Kindergarten
- **Dress:** Graduation Gown

As our young graduates celebrate completing their Kindergarten year, this ceremony will feature musical performances, recitations, and lots of memories!

### 8th Grade: June 1, 2022

- **Featuring:** CHA Band
- **Dress:**
  - **8th Grade:** Graduation robes and dress clothes
  - **Band:** Concert Attire

Eighth grade graduation is a wonderful ceremony as we worship, reminisce, and celebrate this final accomplishment of our CHA graduates. The CHA Band performs for the ceremony.

**All Dates and Times  
Subject to Change**

## Music Curriculum

**General Music: Grades JK-4th Grade:** Students will cultivate a love of music by understanding the basic elements of music through listening, singing, playing classroom instruments, and movement. Students will be involved in various performances throughout the year, as stated in the calendar.

**Choir:** Choir students learn to sing joyfully while studying a wide variety of music, ranging from classic masterpieces to pop standards. Music literacy is also a large component to choral studies. Students study how to read music through solfege, rhythm studies, sight reading, and listening. Students are expected to attend all performances. Please see Mrs. Danger for a make-up assignment if unable to attend.

Students in fifth & sixth grade all continue to take Choir as a core academic subject. In the sixth grade choir, students prepare for the CHA Christmas Concert (fall semester) and the Spring Sing (spring semester).

**Band:** Band is available for students in 4th-8th grades. Private lessons are arranged and taught throughout the week by Mr. Runyan. Large group band meets twice weekly before school.

## Musical Theater

After sixth grade, students move to an electives-based curriculum. In the fall, all seventh & eighth grade students are placed in Choir or Band. Their culminating performance of the fall semester is the CHA Christmas Concert. In the spring, seventh & eighth grade students may choose Musical Theatre class for their elective. There are no required music classes for the spring semester. Musical Theater will focus on performance and the technical side of theater.

## Art Curriculum

With the knowledge that God is the Ultimate Artist and He is wildly creative in His work, middle school students will explore and discover their God given creativity through art classes at CHA. In sixth and seventh grade, students will use their understanding of the principles of art through projects that speak to their culture. With the challenge to be Biblically-minded, each project will allow for student expression while being mindful of good use of art principles. Art projects will introduce students to many different mediums such as drawing, painting, graphics, collage, ceramics, wire, and other 3D materials. Many projects will connect with their core subjects such as language arts and history. Every student is considered an artist coming into class and has the understanding that we all are creative in our own ways.

# Middle School Curriculum

## 7th & 8th Grade Electives

Fine Arts electives change from year to year dependent on scheduling and staffing. Second semester scheduling information and course availability will be provided in December.

## Co-Curricular

### **Band**

The CHA band has several opportunities to showcase their talents throughout the year. In the fall, the band performs for both the Veterans Day program and Christmas Concert. In addition, students are given the opportunity to participate in an adjudicated contest both as soloists and as an entire band in the spring.

Band practices are held two days a week as an extra-curricular, before-school option and last hour of the day on Wednesdays. Band fees are billed directly to families' TADS accounts. Private lessons by our band director are available; lesson times can be arranged online. Payments are made directly to Mr. Runyan.

### **Worship Team**

Worship Teams at Chapel Hill serve God by leading music during weekly chapel services. After an audition vocalists, drummers, guitarists, pianists, wind and strings players are placed on one of several teams and rotate weekly. Rehearsals are held before school on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 AM, and Wednesday at 8:00. They will also meet during Focus time on Wednesdays. In addition to leading worship during chapels, teams lead an uplifting all school worship event.

## Performance Attire

### Grades JK-4 (unless otherwise noted for specific events)

#### Boys

- Royal/Cobalt blue CHA shirt
- Khaki or navy pants
- Dark (brown or black) shoes

#### Girls

- Royal/Cobalt blue CHA shirt
- Khaki or navy pants/skirts
- Dark (brown or black) shoes

### Grades 5-8 (unless otherwise noted for specific events)

#### Boys

- White, long-sleeved, button-up dress shirt
- Dark/navy pants
- Black dress socks (no ankle socks)
- Dark (brown or black) dress shoes (no tennis shoes)
- Bowtie (supplied by CHA)

#### Girls

- Option 1: White, dressy blouse with navy skirt or dark/navy pants
- Option 2: Navy Ponte dress
- Dark dress flats (no heels or tennis shoes)
- Optional dressy scarf and jewelry

