

Music at **Columbia Adventist Academy** is an important part of the overall school program. As members of any CAA music group, in both rehearsals and performances, students are called to represent *CAA excellence*.

Knowledge of individual parts is essential, and practice outside group rehearsal time is highly recommended.

Band

Rehearsals are held every Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday from 8:00 -8:45 a.m. and is open to students who know how to play an instrument, however, students may begin a new instrument with the understanding that lessons and extra practice will be required until mastery is achieved. Lessons or additional practice will also be required for students to maintain the musical level of the band. CAA has a selection of musical instruments for rent - \$100/instrument for the school year. Rental agreements are available in the music department. The CAA band will perform at the Christmas and Spring Concerts, and on Music Trip.

Choir

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday from 8:00 -8:45 a.m. Choir is a class for students with a desire to sing and learn 4-part harmony. All music performed will be memorized. To be part of this music group, students must be willing to participate in all musical choreography with energy and enthusiasm. Choir members have many opportunities to perform throughout the year: Christmas and Spring Concerts, Alumni Weekend, community concerts and Music Trip. Opportunities for worshiping at constituent churches will also be given.

Handbells

Rehearsals are held every day M-Th from 7:10-7:50 a.m. Upon the discretion of the director, Friday handbell rehearsals may be required. We work toward the goal of performing all music from memory so members are required to have a high level of commitment and energy. In addition to Christmas and Spring concerts, and Music Trip, students can expect to ring at area churches and community events.

*Christmas and Spring concerts are considered Final Exams for all Music Groups.