



CHRISTIAN FINE ARTS CONSERVATORY
Fall Term: September 2 – December 18, 2025

Why take lessons in the arts?

The individual one-on-one teaching provides specialized instruction which cannot be duplicated in a class setting. Private fine arts students will have their unique challenges diagnosed and be guided in a specific program of study designed to help them develop a technique which will increase their potential and the ability to produce and perform accurately and expressively. All teachers share the goal of helping each student develop his/her fine arts gift to prepare for a lifetime of enjoyment, worshiping God through music and personal confidence through their God given gifts.

Role of the Parent for success in private lessons: Growing as a musician or artist takes discipline and patience for both the student and the parents. Partnership between parents, instructors, and students is key to successful learning of the arts. When you, the parent, commit yourself and your child to a consistent time of practice and applying the principles learned in their lessons, opportunities are maximized.

The cost of CFAC private music lessons is \$120.00 per month for a 25-minute lesson each week, held before/after school, depending on the teacher's and student's schedule. Our lesson schedule coordinates with the official CHS [school calendar](#). The number of lessons per month varies according to the monthly calendar and school holidays. Monthly tuition is not altered according to the number of lessons in the month. Lessons are paid for at the beginning of each month for the full month. Each instructor will provide the student with his/her own monthly statement and Private Studio Guidelines, in coordination with the vision and principles of The Christian School at Castle Hills and The Christian Fine Arts Conservatory.

The Conservatory Fee of \$30.00 per semester is required at time of registration for all students who are taking lessons or instruction of any kind through the conservatory. For the Fall Term 2025, the fee is due upon registration. This fee covers instruments, equipment, facility management, replacement, tuning, and repairs. It is in addition to monthly tuition for lesson instruction.

We are currently accepting Fall 2025 registrations online for any Castle Hills students, whether a previous CFAC student, or new to our conservatory. All students desiring placement in our conservatory are required to submit the online registration and pay the conservatory fee. This places your student's registration in motion.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Step 1: Complete the [Private Lesson Registration and Consent Form](#) online. We will contact you soon.

Step 2: Pay the \$30 Conservatory Registration Fee immediately after registering online. Click here to pay the fee: [Conservatory Fee Easy Payment](#)

For more information you may contact our Fine Arts Director, Mrs. Susan Covarrubia, 210-878-1001, scovarrubia@castlehills.school.

For CFAC information and forms, go to castlehills.school/conservatory.

PRIVATE FINE ARTS INSTRUCTORS

Alejandra Balderrama, Piano, Ukulele, Voice, abalderrama@castlehills.school

Alejandra is a dedicated music educator with over eight years of experience teaching students of all ages and skill levels. With a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from UTSA, she is passionate about helping others grow in their musical abilities. Mrs. Balderrama has recently joined the staff of The Christian School at Castle Hills and will be teaching Elementary Music. Alejandra tailors each session to meet individual goals and learning styles. In addition to teaching, she serves on her church's worship team, contributing both vocals and piano.

Cost \$120/month. Lessons available weekday afternoons.

Jan Carter, Guitar, djcart@satx.rr.com

Mrs. Carter is a native of SA and has been teaching private guitar for 20+ years. She graduated from the University of North Texas, where she studied music and psychology. With a heart for missions, Jan has served as a staff wife, worship leader, and ministered for years to the people of the Navajo reservation, offering marriage conferences in Guatemala and Argentina. Her favorite thing about teaching is "seeing the light bulbs come on." Cost \$120/month. Lessons available Mon/Tues/Wed.

Christine Daly, Piano, ChristineRaeDaly@gmail.com

Mrs. Daly has a Master of Arts music degree with emphasis in piano from the University of Wyoming. In addition to teaching students of all ages and levels, she has played for church services, musicals, choirs, and programs for hospital residents. Christine is grateful to God for providing opportunities to use the gift God has given her. Cost \$120/month. Lessons available Tues/Wed/Thurs.

Colleen Dunn, Piano, colleencdunn@gmail.com

Miss Dunn enjoys instructing elementary students to learn piano. She likes teaching because "no two days are exactly the same." Colleen comes from a musical family and has served as a missionary in the Philippines. She specializes in teaching young children.

Individual private lessons in beginning piano are available after school. Cost \$120/month. Lessons available Mon/Thurs.

Tabitha Greene, Voice and Piano, tgreene@castlehills.school.

Tabitha has had many professional music opportunities over the last 10 years in Houston including the Grand Opera Chorus. These events have contributed to her excellent teaching methods, resulting in her students rising to new heights of musicianship, whether in worship, work or competition. Newly relocated to her hometown of San Antonio, she is looking forward to continuing in helping develop musicianship with the students of Castle Hills.

Cost: \$120/month. Lessons available various weekday afternoons.

Elizabeth McAlester, Piano, Voice, Songwriting emcalester@castlehills.school

Miss McAlester is a CHS alumni and went on to earn her Music Education degree from Cedarville University. She is our Choral Director and is also a member of the San Antonio Master Singers. Elizabeth is an accomplished songwriter. Her favorite thing about teaching is building relationships with the students. She offers lessons for 3rd-12th grades. Cost: \$120/month. Lessons available weekday afternoons.

Kevin Murillo, Drums, Bass Guitar, Piano murillokev21@gmail.com

Mr. Murillo began playing drums at age 10. At 14 he became pianist/musical director of Worship at his church. He has played keyboard with Christ For the Nations Institute and the Hispanic band Generación Gracia. Kevin is Worship Pastor at Revive Ministries SA and is working on his Music Production degree. He is an army veteran and currently serves in the National Guard. He loves to show his music students that they are capable of more than they can imagine. Cost: \$120/month. Lessons available Mon/Tues.

Carolyn Webb, Advanced Piano & Voice, cwebb@castlehills.school

Mrs. Webb serves as the CHS school accompanist. She has years of experience as worship pianist for churches and accompanist for schools. She holds a Music Education degree from Howard Payne University and toured the U.S. and Canada as keyboardist for their Heritage Singers performing group. Carolyn has a passion to train worship keyboardists. Cost: \$120/month. Lessons available Tues/Wed/Thu.

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