

PK-8th Grade

Music

Welcome!

Hello, musicians and parents! I am so excited to have you in music and I hope we have an amazing year full of great experiences. I am Ms. Catherine Bauske and I will be your general music and choir teacher this year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content within this letter, feel free to contact me via email at catherine_bauske@alabpmn.org or by phone at (763) 777-8942.

I am a graduate of the University of North Dakota. Go Hawks! I taught in Montana for two years, then moved to Minneapolis to be closer to family. This is my fourth year at Athlos and I am so excited to be here and to continue this amazing journey with our musicians. For the first portion of our classes, we will be exploring what it means to be a musician within the context of general and vocal music. Music is so much more than just singing, playing, or hearing beautiful sounds. I hope to show our students a range of musical aspects and outlets. If you'd like to hear more about my philosophy on music, let me know!

My expectations for our musicians this year follow an acronym:

- **M**ake good choices
- **U**se kind words
- **S**how respect
- **I**nvolve yourself
- **C**are for our room and instruments

Being able to follow these aspects, ensures that all students are able to participate safely and responsibly. Not only are there expectations for our students, but there are also guidelines I follow as an educator.

It is my goal as an educator for your students to receive a well-rounded education. That starts in the core classrooms and includes all of our fabulous specialists. This education will include every student, regardless of ability level. Another part of my philosophy includes appropriate instruction and materials. The students will be studying age-appropriate, attainable materials. I want them to feel challenged by what we encounter, but they should also relate to it. I strive to place my time and effort into the instruction, planning, and the students. Performance within the classroom and outside of it, will be an important measure of student growth and capabilities. All of these aspects will entwine to create a great experience for us all!

I look forward to growing and learning with you!

Thank you,

Catherine Bauske