

Hello families,

I'm honored and privileged to work with your children on their musical journey. I am a lifelong musician, and have many years experience working with elementary and middle school aged children. During the course of my career, I've taught piano and voice privately, served as Minister of Music at St. Cletus Parish, and enjoyed performing as a singer-songwriter.

In addition to my work at La Salette, I serve as coordinator of the Piano Readiness Program at Oakland University, where I teach music classes to small, multi-aged groups of children in the University's Preparatory Division. I am also a wife and mother of two, married to another professional musician.

It's both exciting and challenging to work with the variety of ages represented at La Salette. The Searchlights have been exploring high and low and steady beat. In the Lighthouse class, the kids are experiencing melodic contour and home tone. The Academy students have worked with primary chords, blues progression, improvisation, and harmony.

My plans for the school year include continuing our work with vocal technique, discovering music fundamentals through the use of xylophones and recorders, composing class songs, and taking field trips to a recording studio and the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the open house, and look forward to meeting many more at our Christmas Program on December 20th.

If you have any questions or concerns about our program, please email me at kate.feeny@lasalette-school.org.

I believe that music is a unique way of understanding the world. It is a creative process of self-discovery that is crucial to the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual development of every child.

Thanks so much for your support of the music program at La Salette!

Kate Feeny