

# Ukuleles at St Mikes

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to begin a ukulele based music curriculum with our Middle School students this year. These are a few of the reasons we are thrilled to pursue the purchase of ukuleles.

## 1. Ukulele is a tool to teach musical concepts.

Ukulele units cover the diocesan required elements of music. Through the ukulele, students will be learning theory topics like rhythm, melody, harmony, form and expression. They will also learn music history, performance practice as soloists and ensemble members, and care for their instrument.

## 2. It's a solo AND ensemble instrument!

One of the traditional standards in music education is to get students performing both alone and with others. Ukulele is the perfect instrument choice to meet this standard and to empower students to step outside of their comfort zone.

## 3. You can sing and play at the same time!

Being able to accompany yourself is a special joy in music. The Students at St. Mikes will be singing and playing a new song each class.

## 4. You only have to learn a little to play a lot.

Once our students have learned 3-4 chords, they will have access to a huge cannon of songs from which to play. This kind of excitement about learning, and self-motivation is just what we want to achieve in music.

After a summer of research we have settled on purchasing the Mahalo Ukuleles MR1PP Rainbow Series in the Soprano size. Mahalo ukuleles meet the necessary standards for instruments expected to last several years in the classroom. Our ukuleles will have geared tuning, which ensures the pegs don't slip out of tune. They will also have Aquila Nylon strings, which are the industry standard, wont break easily, and produce a beautiful mellow sound.

Your donation of \$40 will purchase 1 ukulele and case.

Your donation of \$20 will purchase ½ of a ukulele and case.

Your donation of \$10 will purchase ¼ of a ukulele and case.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE UKULELE PROGRAM!

