



St. Paul the Apostle has received a grant from the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids to acquire additional chimes. Below is an excerpt from the grant application that explains the project.

Project Name: Choir Chimes for All

Malmark Choirchimes: Third Octave Add-on Set, 12 Choirchimes (C4 to F#4 & G#6 to C7) with case.

Price: \$750

Impact:

- Playing the chimes allows students a hands-on opportunity to read and play Music and work as a team.
- Chimes can be played as a bell choir for school and community performances.
- Skills learned in playing the chimes can extend to participation in other music groups.
- Many of our other schools already use chimes with their students.

“Engaging Junior High students in the music classroom can be a challenge. Not all students are successful in singing and many of our boy’s voices are changing and their range is limited for a time. When I have used tone chimes in the past, students have been enthusiastic regarding playing the chimes and amazed at their ability to create music. Playing the chimes is simple enough that success is easily attainable unlike other instruments where a student has to work at attaining a good quality of sound on the instrument. Currently, I am adding wooden xylophones to allow for the all the students to participate and the chimes and xylophones do not blend well. The grant we submitted was for the Malmark Add-on set for St. Paul the Apostle School. At present, St. Paul has the two octave set of Suzuki chimes. There are not enough chimes to create a bell choir and the grant request for the add-on set would allow all the students to participate. My dream would be to replace the Suzuki set as well with the better quality Malmark chimes, but at present the Add-on set is the greater need.”

We are grateful for the grant and St. Paul will be featured in an upcoming article in the Advance Newspaper explaining the award to the community.

- Mrs. Colleen Paiz