

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | 2025-2026

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE



CINDY FRANKLIN – Piano and Vocal Instructor

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday | Cindy.Franklin@covenantchristian.net

EDUCATION

Bachelor's in Music Education, Texas Christian University

Master's in Education Administration, University of Houston–Victoria

EXPERIENCE

25+ years of choir directing for schools and churches

Retired from public school teaching

Earned sweepstakes awards at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contests

ROOM LOCATION

Choir Room, Redeemer



RHONDA DUNN – Piano Instructor

Monday through Friday | rjgdunn@yahoo.com

EDUCATION

Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Saint Vincent College

Bachelor's in Education, Eastern College

Music Education studies, West Chester University

Additional studies, Carnegie Mellon University

EXPERIENCE

30+ years of piano teaching experience

Accompanist and Musikgarten instructor

ROOM LOCATION

Jireh #34 - Elementary Hallway



STEVE DOWDY – Guitar, Drums, and Piano Instructor

Monday through Friday | stevedowdywork@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Texas Christian University

EXPERIENCE

15+ years of teaching experience

Multi-faceted musician and accomplished guitarist and pianist

Experience performing in Rock, Country, and Jazz bands

Featured on multiple album recordings

Serves on the praise team at Center Point Church - keyboards, bass, electric, and acoustic guitar

ROOM LOCATION

Music Practice Room, Jireh



LISA SCHREIBER – Piano Instructor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday | lrschreiber612@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Bachelor's in Education, Hardin-Simmons University (Elementary Education, Kindergarten, Music Education with an Instrumental Piano focus)

Graduate coursework in Early Childhood Education, Texas Wesleyan University

EXPERIENCE

Licensed Kindermusik instructor

Longtime supporter and participant in Covenant Christian Academy and the School of the Arts

Returning this year to provide group and private piano instruction

Passionate about helping children embrace a joy for music and piano learning

ROOM LOCATION

Jireh #25 - Early Childhood Music Room



MARY LOU CRIST – Elementary Honor Choir (FALL)

Thursdays | Marylou.Crist@covenantchristian.net

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music/Opera, West Texas A&M University

EXPERIENCE

K-12 music, middle and high school choir

15 years, Director of Fine Arts and Choral Music at Fort Worth Christian School

27 years in Christian education

ROOM LOCATION

Jireh #35 - Elementary Music Room



CLAIRE LONG – Elementary Musical Director (SPRING)

Tuesday and Thursday | Claire.Long@covenantchristian.net

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Elementary Education, Baylor University

EXPERIENCE

Plays piano, guitar, ukulele, banjo, and sings!

Collegiate Musical Theater training

Baylor Sing chair for 3 years, specializing in vocals and direction

Worked in various youth theaters as director and vocals coach

Directed the following Musicals at CCA

Wizard of Oz

101 Dalmations Kids

Finding Nemo Kids

Lion King Kids

ROOM LOCATION

Jireh Cafeteria



SHELLEY SMITH – Elementary Art Club (SPRING)

TBD | Shelley.Smith@covenantchristian.net

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Arts, University of North Texas

EXPERIENCE

14 years teaching elementary art, 11 years teaching EC art

ROOM LOCATION

Jireh Art Room

Covenant Christian Academy
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CCA ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR



This Fall, Mary Lou Crist will be holding auditions for the CCA Elementary Honor Choir. This group will consist of students from the 3rd and 4th grade who desire advanced vocal training and want to participate in an elite choral ensemble. We will have several performance opportunities throughout the semester, including leading worship in Elementary Chapel. If your child is interested, please email Mrs. Crist for an individual audition time, prior to registration.

Thursdays (Sept 4 – Dec 4)

3:00 – 4:00 pm

\$200 (fall semester)

Max: 25 students