Lake Michigan Catholic offers 5th grade band which lays the groundwork for success in the individual 6th, 7th, 8th, and high school bands. LMC's band program has a long history of extraordinary participation and excellence in performance. This interest and success **begins in the 5th Grade Band.** The skills learned in 5th grade will be carried to performance opportunities in middle and high school. For the past 30 years Lake Michigan Catholic has celebrated one of the highest participation rates nationally with over 60% of our high school students involved in band which routinely receives the highest ratings in both Solo & Ensemble festival as well as District Band Festival.

**Fall** - EVERY 5th grader commences instrument lessons in October. The 5th grade band class meets three times every week with LMC Band Director, Joe Jarvie. This instruction lends itself to a wonderful introduction to an instrument as well as a formal band experience that will expand in the years to come.

**Winter** - The 5th grade band has featured performances in the Christmas Concert with the middle and high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for the 5th graders to display what they have learned for a semester in their 5th grade band class.

**Spring** - The Band year concludes with a spring band concert in which the 5th grade band performs in May with the 6th, 7th, 8th, and high school bands. The 5th grade band will be well-prepared to step up to middle school band which provides even more opportunities to further their musical talents and interests.

**CITADEL STRINGS**
The Citadel Dance & Music Center is partnering with Lake Michigan Catholic Schools to offer 5th and 6th graders cello, violin or viola lessons after school. The Citadel offers LMC students a reduced rate on these classes and Lake Michigan Catholic provides transportation to the Citadel twice weekly for this program.