

Susan May: Program Director, Discovery, Beginning, Advanced and Orchestra levels

Mrs. Susan May has had many years of experience teaching strings and is looking forward to her new position as the SJGS Program Director. Mrs. May began teaching private string lessons as a high school student. She majored in cello in college, and has been a member of the South Bend Youth Symphony, the Elkhart Symphony, the South Bend Symphony and numerous smaller groups. She taught elementary/junior high strings several years in the Mishawaka School City program and later was Director of the String Orchestra program at Schmucker Middle School in the PHM system. As both a performer and a coach, Mrs. May has always taken the opportunity to participate in ISSMA contest, believing it to be an invaluable addition to school and private music instruction. Along the way, Mrs. May has been very active as a church and community choral conductor, Director of Kindermusik at the Montessori Academy at Edison Lakes, general and choral music teacher in grades K-8. She was the first Executive Director of the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition as well. Currently Mrs. May does private teaching in beginning piano, violin and in cello.

Ms. Susan Nagel is looking forward to joining the SJGS Strings Program. She holds a bachelor of music degree in violin performance from Indiana University South Bend. She is a former member of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra and the South Bend Symphony Quartet. Along with her love of playing violin comes a true interest in teaching the instrument. While in Chicago, she taught for Betty Haag, a very well-respected pedagogue. She teaches in her Mishawaka home, freelances in the area, and plays in her church band. Additionally, she is involved in Bible Study Fellowship. She and her husband Dale have a grown daughter and son, who have recently moved back to Chicago!