

WELCOME BACK MUSIC STUDENTS!

I am looking forward to a fun, music filled year! Below is the important information you need to know to help make this year successful! Please mark the concert dates on your calendar. Attendance at concerts is mandatory and is counted as part of their grade. Even if your child has never played an instrument before, they are still welcome to join band. The more the merrier! I will never turn a student away.

Lessons will begin the week of September 17th. Please be sure that your child has everything they need to begin on time. Their permission slip must be signed and returned by September 17th as well as the \$15 band fee per student that helps cover the cost of concert music and supplies.

Beginning Band (4th Grade)

Band will meet **2:30-3:15 Thursdays** beginning *December 13th*
Spring Concert on **June 6th at 6:30pm**
There are no rehearsals after June 6th

Intermediate Band (5th & 6th Grades)

Band will meet 9th Period on Wednesdays
Christmas Concert on **December 12st at 6:30pm**
Spring Concert on **May 15th at 6:30pm**

Advanced Band (7th & 8th Grades)

Band will meet **2:30-3:15 Wednesdays** beginning September 26th
Christmas Concert on **December 12th at 6:30pm**
There will be no after school rehearsals between Dec 12th and Jan 16th.
Rehearsals will resume on January 23rd
Spring Concert on **May 15th at 6:30pm**
There are no rehearsals after May 15th

Intermediate and Advanced Bands will also be performing in a music festival at either Darien Lake Theme Park or Fantasy Island. The date is still TBD and more information will be shared when we have it.

St. Christopher Instrument Rental Checklist

For Flutes:

Instrument
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book_(CD optional) Book 1 for Flute

For Clarinets:

Instrument
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book_(CD optional) Book 1 for Clarinet
4 Working Reeds – 2 ½ strength (must have working reeds at all times)
Cork Grease

For Saxophones:

(4th graders must use an alto saxophone; older grades should talk with Mrs. Siekierski if they are interested in playing tenor or baritone sax)

Instrument
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book (CD optional) Book 1 for Alto Saxophone
4 Working Reeds – 2 ½ strength (must have working reeds at all times)
Cork Grease

For Trumpets:

Instrument
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book (CD optional) Book 1 for Trumpet
1 Bottle of Valve Oil

For Trombones:

Instrument
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book (CD optional) Book 1 for Trombone
Slide Grease

For Percussion:

Snare drum pad
Pair of Snare Sticks
Music stand – two piece wire stand (to be left at home)
Standard of Excellence Lesson Book (CD optional) Book 1 for Percussion

****Please be sure to have your student's name on their instrument and book****

Local Music Stores:

Matt's Music (Oliver St., North Tonawanda) 693-7717
Alder Creek Music (Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda) 693-5456
Kenmore Music (Delaware Ave., Kenmore) 874-6775
Paramount Music (Brighton Rd., Tonawanda) 835-1500
Performing Arts (Transit Rd., Depew) 239-3907

Band Grading Policy

Band is a grade on your child's report card separate from their music class grade. Their grade is made up of:

40% Lessons

40% Band Rehearsal

20% Behavior/Effort

Every lesson and rehearsal gets a grade out of 5 points. Students need to be present and prepared with their instrument, music and pencil. They should also show progress from the previous week lesson. During the 2nd and 3rd trimesters, attendance/preparedness at concerts is a grade out of 100 points and counts as 50% of their trimester grade.

Students will periodically need to perform sections of their band music to show that they are progressing on their instruments and music. They will be sections that we have been working on in lessons and rehearsals.

Every student starts with a 100 for their behavior/effort grade and points are deducted for misbehavior, talking, etc.

Please sign and return bottom portion with band fee of \$15 no later than September 17th.

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Instrument: _____

Band: (please circle) Beginning Intermediate Advanced

My child will be participating in band this year. I understand that attendance is required at concerts.

Parent Signature: _____

Beginning and Advanced Bands: Following after-school rehearsals, my child will be:

_____ Picked up **at 3:15** (any students not picked up on time will be sent to Kids Kare)

_____ Kids Kare

(Beginning Sept. 26th for Advanced Band; beginning Dec. 13th for Beginning Band)