

BAND

I am excited to begin my fifth year teaching band at Our Lady of the Lake! We have had a very successful four years, and I'm looking forward to having another great year.

Band is offered to students in grades 4-8. Each student will have an individual lesson for 20 minutes each week and we will practice as an entire group for 35 minutes each week. The 4th grade band will meet every Wednesday before school at 8:00. Lessons for 4th grade will be scheduled before or after school (see attached sheet). Middle school band will be on Wednesdays after mass, and lessons will be scheduled throughout the school day on Wednesdays.

INSTRUMENT: Students will need to have an instrument. Schmitt Music has a great rental program. I recommend the Schmitt Music in Minnetonka. You may also have an instrument in the family or from a friend, and that would certainly be an option as well. You will just want to make sure it is in playable condition. I am happy to look at any instrument that may be questionable. Be careful when purchasing from Craigslist or Ebay. **DO NOT** purchase anything from a retail store like Target, Walmart, Costco, etc. These instruments are cheaply made and if something breaks on the instrument, music stores will not fix these. Please let me know if you need help getting an instrument.

BOOK: The method book we will use is Essential Elements 2000. If you decide to rent your instrument, this can easily be added to your order, but any music store will have this book. You can also find it on ebay, craigslist, Amazon, etc. If ordering online, make sure you get the book for the instrument your child is playing.

PERFORMANCES: We will perform at concerts in December and May. We will also plan on taking a few field trips again this year to perform within our community, plus other in school performances (Catholic Schools Week, Generation Day, etc.).

COST: The cost for the program will be split into two semesters. The first semester will go from the week of September 4th through the week of January 8th. The second semester will begin the week of January 15th and go through the week of May 21st. The cost per semester is \$250. That averages out to about \$15 per week. This money is also used to cover the cost of purchasing new music and any instruments that will benefit the band program. I am more than willing to work out payment plans as needed. There was also money raised at our last spring concert to be used as scholarship money for band. Please let myself or Mrs. Kennedy know if this is something that would be helpful to you. I do not want cost to be a reason to not do band. Attached is a contract where you can choose your payment option.

MAKEUP LESSONS: Makeup lessons will only be given if a student is absent on the day of his/her lesson, or if school is not in session due to a holiday or unplanned school closing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mjones@schoololl.com

Molly Jones

Band Contract

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____

Band Payment Options

_____ Option 1: One payment of \$500 made by September 5th

_____ Option 2: Two payments of \$250. The first due on September 5th and the second due on January 16th.

_____ Option 2: Monthly payments of \$56 a month due the first school day of every month.

Please fill out the following information.

Parent name(s) _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Lesson Scheduling (4th Grade Only)

Student Name _____

Please chose your top three choices. I will do my best to accommodate everyone.

Monday

7:40 _____

3:30 _____

Thursday

7:40 _____

3:30 _____

Tuesday

7:40 _____

8:00 _____

8:20 _____

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3:30 _____

Friday

7:40 _____

8:00 _____

8:20 _____

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3:30 _____

Wednesday

7:40 _____

recess _____

3:30 _____

Scheduling comments: