



2020-2021 Band Contract

Hello and welcome back! Any student entering grades 3-8 may sign up for instrumental music lessons and be a part of the St. Joseph Grade School Band. Parents will be charged \$60 per month through SMART Tuition from October through April for participation, for a total of \$420 for the year.

A few changes have been made in the program this year to comply with new regulations and schedules. Students who don't have music class during school will receive instruction after school from 2:35 to 3:35 pm in small groups based on grade level: Monday grades 6-8, Tuesday grades 3-5, Wednesday virtual only learners, Thursday grades 6-8, and Friday grades 3-5. Rehearsals will be run outside weather permitting or small groups only in the band room and media center. Students who have music during the regular school day will receive instrumental music lessons at that time.

Parents are responsible for picking up their child on time after the rehearsal. Any student that is not picked up by 3:40 will be walked over to aftercare by Mr. Cowdrick. Parents of students brought to aftercare will be charged. If there are any conflicts please do not hesitate to contact me.

Band students do receive a grade for Music. This is based on participation, behavior, and multiple short performance assessments. In order for your child to be successful they must come prepared for both in school music lessons and after school band. Students must have a quality name band instrument* (cheap instruments break easily and can rarely be fixed), pencil, reeds (2.5), *Essential Elements* Book One and/or Book Two, and a band folder with all music, which I will provide.

Practice at home is a critical part of musical development. Students should be reading music from a music stand with good posture either sitting or standing. Learning an instrument is a difficult task, please be both patient and encouraging to your child. With time those squeaks and bad sounds go away.

Band instruments your child may choose to play are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, or Percussion.** Renting an instrument or purchasing a quality used instrument are popular options.

*A name brand instrument purchased from Music & Arts and/or Garden State Music.

**Percussion students need a drum pad, a bell kit, and 2B drum sticks.

Musically yours,

Joseph Cowdrick
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BAND SIGN UP/PERMISSION SLIP

Student Name _____ Class/Grade _____

Parent Name (Print) _____ Cell # _____

Parent Signature _____ Instrument _____

Parent email _____