



I Want

YOU

to Join

The Band!

The SMS Band program offers lessons and band rehearsals to students in grades 4-8. We meet for a half-hour lesson once a week during the school day. Some lessons are individual; others are in a small group setting of no more than three students, depending on interest and availability. Band rehearsals are held for an hour after school on Thursdays.

Recruiting for students in grades 4 and 5 will occur during their music classes during the week of September 5th.

To get your child signed up for band, please contact Mrs. Wszalek, our band director. You may reach her at 414-745-8980 or email cabrinihasband@yahoo.com.

Registrations for the fall semester of lessons will be accepted through Friday, September 16th. Lessons will begin on Thursday, September 22nd.

For more information, or to sign up for band, please contact Mrs. Wszalek: cabrinihasband@yahoo.com or 414-745-8980.





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Why is band good for my child?

Studying music is both a discipline and an art form. Music was meaningful to me as a child because I developed self-confidence, leadership abilities, and a lifelong passion for the arts. As a teacher of music, I hope to instill these values into my students while providing them with a team experience, full of bonding, friendships, and fun.

Is band educational?

Our band program follows state and national academic standards for band. Our lesson books begin with curriculum from the Essential Elements 2000 series, which combines important conducting, listening, and composing skills with those necessary to become well-rounded musicians. Ensemble playing also includes selections from the state list.

How do I sign up?

Students in grades 4 and 5 will have an opportunity to try out instruments after Labor Day to decide which instrument is the best fit for them. Look for your child to bring home a letter indicating their instrument of choice. The letter will explain the selection process and contain more information about signing up. Students in grades 6 and up are also welcome to join band. Please contact the director to make further arrangements.

How much commitment is band?

Each week, band students have one half-hour lesson during school, a 1-hour band rehearsal Thursdays after school, and meet their practice goal with at-home practice. Many students choose to play band and sports. During their sports season, some careful scheduling and practice can keep them on track.

How are lessons scheduled?

The lesson schedule is released at the beginning of the semester for the entire semester. Most lessons are scheduled during the school day, once a week. We rotate lesson times. For instance, a student may have a 9:00am lesson one week, 9:30 the next, 10:00 the week after that. Limited after-school lessons are reserved for students who need academic help during school hours.

What services does the band fee include?

The semester band fee is \$300 for all students. It includes 14 lessons each semester, band rehearsals, concerts, and a contribution to the supply fund.

I have other questions. How do I get more information?

Contact the director, of course! Jen Wszalek will be happy to talk with you about the band. You may reach her at cabrinahasband@yahoo.com or 414-745-8980.