

Dear Band Parents,

Welcome back! Attached is hopefully all you will need regarding information for this upcoming school year. I'm very excited that we are going to be trying something new. This year, beginning band will be an option during the school day instead of music class. We are navigating this new change currently and should have the final details soon.

I continue to be inspired by the hard work and effort our band students put in, and I will do everything possible to ensure that they have the fullest and most positive experience possible. Learning to play an instrument in an ensemble has countless benefits and it can be one of the most important activities for preparing students for high school and even beyond. We have had so many outstanding accomplishments by our students that I look forward to seeing what will happen this year! Due to our somewhat limited rehearsal schedule, private lessons are a really great idea for your child. Many bands have more rehearsal time than we do and make it a mandatory requirement due to the benefit to your child. I have several teachers who love working with our students at St. John's whom I can recommend.

St. John's Band Schedule

A Band:

Tuesdays 3:00-4:30

Thursdays 7:15-7:55

B Band:

Tuesday in-school

Thursday 3:00-4:30

Music Stores:

Madison Band Supply**

1604-B Hughes Road

Madison, AL 35758

(256)325-2263

Gadsden Music

4800 Whitesburg Dr

Huntsville, AL 35816

(256)880-6344

Hallman's Music

1920 Sparkman Dr.

Huntsville, AL 35816

(256)830-2303

Band Fee

A Band: \$200 (Paying for the full year is highly recommended, semester fee is \$100/per)

B Band: \$100

Other Fees: (Polo's, Audition Fee's, Solo and Ensemble, Trip)

Costs will be collected at designated time of event.

Materials

Required Materials:

Tradition of Excellence (Red Book for Beginners, instrument specific)

See instrument guide below

Recommended Materials (some may not be used until Advanced Band):

Chromatic Tuner

Metronome

Binder

Rubank Elementary Method Book (instrument specific, blue book)

Instrument Guide

Flute: Yamaha, Gemeinhardt*, Armstrong, Artley, Jupiter, Bundy (closed hole recommended)

Accessories: tuning rod with cleaning cloth

Clarinet: Yamaha*, Selmer, Buffet, Armstrong, Bundy, Noblet, Vito, Le Blanc, Jupiter, Allora

Accessories: Reeds (Vandoren, La Voz, or Michelle Lurie size 2 ½), mouthpiece, swab, cork grease

Alto Sax: Yamaha*, Selmer, King, Jupiter, Allora, Yanagisawa, Bundy

Accessories: Reeds (Vandoren, La Voz or Hemke size 2 ½), cork grease, neckstrap

Trumpet: Yamaha, Bach*, Getzen, King, Conn, Jupiter, Allora

Accessories: Bach 7-C mouthpiece, valve oil, tuning slide grease

Trombone: Yamaha, Bach*, King, Conn, Jupiter, Bundy, Getzen, Allora

Accessories: mouthpiece Bach 6.5 AL, tuning slide

Percussion: Percussionists must play mallets as well as traditional percussion instruments.

Accessories: Practice Pad, Drum Sticks, optional Bell Kit with Stand

*There are many other brands of instruments, if you have a specific question about an instrument not on this list, please contact me

Band Policies

Every band student is expected to:

1. Attend every rehearsal
2. Be Prepared for rehearsal (Instrument, Book, Pencil, Folder, Valve Oil/2 Reeds/Cork Grease at your **seat on time**)
3. Practice AT LEAST 1 hour a week
4. Participate in EVERY performance and dress rehearsal

Classroom Procedures

Every band student is expected to:

1. Be in your chair with your instrument, music and supplies ready to rehearse at **3:05 or 7:15am.**
2. Remain seated for the entire duration of band. Visit the restroom **before** coming.
3. Absolutely **NO** talking or playing unless asked to do so.
4. No food or drinks immediately before playing
5. Follow all school rules, even while on breaks from rehearsal, this includes using inside voices.
6. Practice 1 hour a week.
7. Failure to meet goals (such as scales) might result in an additional guided rehearsal time.

Disciplinary Procedures

Each student is expected to follow band rehearsal rules as outlined here and as posted on the wall. Failure to do so will result in the following consequences:

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: In-Class Written Assignment
- 3rd Offense: Temporary Suspension/Silent Lunch
- 4th Offense: Conference with band director, student, and parents

Field Trips

Typically, advanced band members will have several opportunities throughout the year for performances outside of the school. All forms must be turned in promptly. All school rules apply. Misbehavior on trips, such as disruption and not following instructions is not tolerated.

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: Sitting out of activity
- 3rd Offense: Conference will be scheduled, and student will be removed from trip.

St. John's Band Program Registration

Student Name:

Student Grade/Teacher:

Instrument:

Parent Name:

Parent Phone (s):

Parent's Email (gmail required):

Please return this form to the band director or to the front office along with the band fee.

I, _____ (student name), agree to practice at least **1 hour** a week. I will **not talk** during rehearsal and will remain **in my seat** the entire time. I will keep my hands and feet to myself. I will be **prepared** with reeds, cork grease, valve oil at my seat **on time**.

Private Lessons Teacher:

Student Signature

Parent Signature