



Trinity Lutheran Christian School Beginning Band – General Information

- **Beginning Band lessons will begin on Friday, September 15, 2023.** This program is geared towards students in grades 4-6 who have little or no previous experience. Lessons will be available for brass, woodwinds, strings and percussion. All band students should be registered prior to this date so their name will appear on the band schedule. A temporary schedule will be posted in classrooms a few days prior to September 15 reflecting the names of band students and the times of lessons.
- Beginning Band students (1st year) do not rehearse after school. Band lessons and activities are on Fridays during school hours. If any before school or after school band activities are required for Beginning Band, parents will be notified well in advance.
- The first Beginning Band lesson (Friday, September 15th) is **Orientation**. I will be discussing care, assembly, posture and general “do’s and don’ts” of their instrument. Students that do not have an instrument by this time can use one of my instruments the first day.
- **All students are expected to have an instrument by Friday, September 29th.**

Band Instrument Sources – Rental, New & Used

Music Land	Gateway Drive, Bel Air	410-879-1079
Music Workshop	York Road, Towson	410-323-1524
Music & Arts	Festival at Bel Air	410-569-3500

Craigslist, Ebay, Sam’s Club, B.J.’s Club, Costco, Pawn Shops are also good sources.

Parents are responsible for obtaining instruments for their children. Renting to own a new instrument is the most common and fail safe method of obtaining an instrument. However, this is also the most expensive. Used instruments are very acceptable and suggested for brand new players! Used instruments will not depreciate like new instruments. After a few years of use, you can easily get your investment back with a used instrument.

If needed, most music stores offer a 3 month trial rental for one low price. This will give you time to find a more reasonable priced instrument to purchase. Call around to some local music stores to see if this program is available. Also, Ebay auctions and pawn shops are good sources for used instruments. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbors!!

Contact Mrs. Harris at jharris@tlsonline.org or 410-679-4000 ext. 176 with any questions about the program as well as any concerns regarding brands and used prices.