

## **BAND II - GETTING STARTED (for parents!)**

Do you already play a musical instrument and have about a year experience reading music and want to take it further? Band II is for you! It is the ultimate course for homeschoolers!

- \* Band is community.
  - \* Band is built-in encouragement to keep on practicing.
  - \* Band is where both the individual and the group can shine together!
  - \* Band makes a middle schooler/high schooler smarter!
  - \* Band is great for all types of minds and interests, because music is universal.
- Band II is set up as a second-year band for students 10 years old and up who desire to continue learning and playing new music on their instrument. At least one year experience playing the instrument and reading music is **REQUIRED!** For students under 10 years of age, parents, please contact me for eligibility. Parents, please contact me by email or text so we can discuss where your child is, musically, and to determine if Band II is a good fit for you.

If you are interested in Band II, **bring your child to the T.E.A.C.H. Open House from 10am-1pm on Wednesday, July 31.** Even for an experienced Band parent there will be many questions that are best addressed in person, PLUS I am looking forward to seeing/meeting all of the Band parents and students!

In Band II, students may play any of the same instruments we have in Band I, with the addition of baritone and tenor saxophone. Here is the list from which to choose for Band II: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, snare drum/bells kit, bass guitar or keyboard/piano. If you do not currently have an instrument, instruments can be rented or purchased. Paragon Music has a great rent-to-own option.

The book we use in this course is **Essential Elements for Band - Book 1** (for your instrument). If you are a student coming from a different band program which did not use Essential Elements for Band, you will want to purchase Book 1 and make plans to have your child take a few private lessons from me. This is to ensure they are on track with the incoming Band II students who were in Band I last year.

This is a step-by-step process:

1. Decide your child's interest and/or level in Band and come to the Open House
2. Register your child for either Band I or Band II
3. If you don't already have an instrument, either rent or purchase the instrument, purchase the book and a portable music stand.
4. Make sure your child is ready for the first day of class with their instrument (in a case), Band book, and music stand. Other items your child may need, depending on their instrument: a care kit for the instrument, reeds(for clarinet/saxophone), oil for trumpet/trombone, stand for drum or keyboard, sticks for drum, amp for bass guitar.

Send me an email or text so I know of your interest! (Email is best!)

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