



Hello St. Joseph School Families,

It's the time of year again when I offer Band Lessons. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Barbara Fieger. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in music education from Bowling Green State University. I taught Band in public schools for 34 years in the Grand Valley, Wellsville and finally in the Midview Schools before retiring several years ago.

Today I demonstrated beginning band instruments at school. Your student indicated he/she may be interested in joining Band.

Similar/Like Band instrument classes (30 minutes) will be held beginning Friday September 18 for returning students. New students will begin on Friday September 25. There will be band instrument classes every Friday thereafter when school is in session. Toward the end of the first semester, we will add a full band rehearsal on a different day.

A successful band program is a group effort. All students need to try their best in order to have the quality band for which we strive. Student reliability and responsibility are both important to be successful. The expectations for band students are as follows:

- Have instrument, book, music, and necessary supplies (reeds, oil, etc) at every rehearsal and take them home to practice. Students without these items will be sent back to class and there is no refund of the band tuition.
- Exhibit cooperative and productive behavior
- Practice a minimum of 15 minutes per day, 6 days per week (90 minutes total), which is to be recorded in a practice log and signed by a parent/ guardian each week
- Participate in performances: Christmas concert, Friday December 11, 2026 and Spring concert, Friday May 14, 2027. There is the potential to participate in an optional county solo and ensemble event in February (6th - 8th grade students). More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Tuition for band will be \$300.00 for the year. You may pay the amount in full by October 1, 2026 or separate the tuition into 2 payments. The first payment of \$150.00 is due on or before *October 1, 2026*. The second payment of \$150.00 is due on or before *January 30, 2027*. Checks are made payable to Barbara Fieger.

Students new to the band program will need an instrument, supplies (see below) and a band book (Essential Elements Book 1). I have included some reputable instrument brands and music stores to assist parents in getting an instrument for their student.

Returning Band students will need their instrument, supplies (see below) and Band Book (Essential elements book 1).

Please detach, sign and return the permission slip below to Ms. Fieger by Friday September 11, 2026 at St. Joseph's. If you have questions, I can be contacted at barbarafieger@gmail.com.

I have read and understand the expectations of the St. Joseph's Band Program.

Student _____ Grade _____
Instrument _____

Parent _____ Phone _____
Email address _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

If you have questions, I can be contacted at barbarafieger@gmail.com.



In case you need supplies or need to rent an instrument, here is some general information:

Music Stores

Rettig music
26469 Center Ridge Rd
Westlake Ohio (440) 808-0900

Music and Arts
Skyline Music
27010 Center Ridge Rd
Westlake Ohio
(440) 871-4140

Music and Arts
Wellington Music
117 West Herrick Ave
Wellington OH
440-647-3233

Woodsy's Music
110 Liberty
Medina OH 44256
(330)725-8575

Supplies

ALL students need a band book: Essential Elements Book 1

Flute students need a cloth swab

Clarinet Students need 3 reeds of #2 ½ strength, cork grease and a cleaning swab

Saxophone students need 3 reeds of #2 ½ strength, cork grease and a swab

Trumpet students need Valve oil

Trombone students need slide cream

Percussion Kit – we use both bells **and** snare drum **OR** Drum pad. Sticks and mallets

A folding music stand is recommended for all students for their home practice

Also, I have listed reputable instrument brands. These brands produce instruments of good quality and durability. I cannot possibly list every brand, so I have chosen to list the most common and reputable. There are some other brands of instruments out there that are of poor quality and are generally unable to be repaired if they break. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you , Ms. Fieger

Flutes	Clarinets	Alto Saxophones	Trumpet	Trombones	Percussion Kit
Gemeinhardt	Yamaha	Yamaha	Bach	Yamaha	Pearl
Yamaha	Buffet	Selmer	King	King	Yamaha
Artley	LeBlanc	Keilworth	Conn	Holton	Ludwig
Emerson	Noblet	Yanagisawa	Yamaha	Conn	
Sonare	Selmer	Stephenhauser	Getzen	Benge	
Armstrong	Evette Schaefer		Shilke	Getzen	
Powell	Buffet Crampon		Holton		
Haynes					