



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 17. 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 17, 2021 and Spring concert, Friday May 20, 2022. There is the potential to attend a band festival in March and participate in an optional county solo and ensemble event in February (6th - 8th grade students). More information will be forthcoming on these events.

Tuition for band will be \$275.00 for the year. You may pay the amount in full by October 1, 2021 or separate the tuition into 2 payments. The first payment of \$125.00 is due on or before *October 1, 2021*. The second payment of \$150.00 is due on or before *January 30, 2022*. 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 2).

Please detach, sign and return the permission slip below to Ms. Fieger by Tuesday September 14, 2021 at St. Joseph's. If you have questions, I can be contacted at barbarafieger@gmail.com.