

TO: Parents & Guardians

RE: BAND



This year we will be offering instructional band for students in grades 4, 5 & 6 that are new to band and students that have previous band experience that would like to get back into it. Band will be held on Tuesdays from 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. beginning September 20<sup>th</sup>. Like other extra-curricular activities we offer, there will be a fee to cover costs: \$50 per quarter (1<sup>st</sup> payment due with registration).

If your student is trying to decide on which of their two possible instrument choices to start on I recommend starting on the wind instrument first as it is much easier to switch to drums or bells (xylophone) later on. Students may choose to learn flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, drum or bells (glockenspiel). All students will need an instrument to practice on. Drum students will need a pair of drum sticks and a Remo drum practice pad to start. Please have your student outfitted with their instrument and book no later than September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The following rental information should serve as a guide in learning about the instrument rental. Please contact the stores directly for your best options. I recommend that you contact **O'Leary's Music in Derry, NH (603) 505-4577** or **Music & Arts in Manchester (603) 623-0153**. Each store offers a special rate for the first three months \$19.00 (O'Leary's) or \$23.00 (Music & Arts) Alto Saxophone is slightly more \$39.00 (O'Leary's) or \$50.00 (Music & Arts). After the initial 3 month rental it is \$23.00 per month (O'Leary's) \$26.00 per month (Music & Arts). Alto Saxophone is \$43 per month (O'Leary's) and \$40.00 per month (Music & Arts). Each store offers a repair & maintenance program for a small extra fee. If your child is thinking of playing baritone horn or bells please contact me, I may have a low cost rental option for you. Also, from time to time I have snare drum kits available for rent or purchase.

The band method we will use is **Essential Elements "New" Version** that includes online resources. Books can be picked up at the music stores. Students should have a music stand for at home practice. Clarinet & saxophone students should purchase extra reeds.

Students will need to be picked up no later than 3:05 at the main entrance (front door on Belmont St). If your child is not picked up on time, they will be signed into the after school program and there will be a charge for their supervision.

I am extremely excited to bring band back to St. Anthony School!  
I look forward to helping your child delight in the experience of playing music together.

Musically Yours,  
Mrs. Langlois

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## Band Registration Form

(please print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:  4  5  6

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior band experience:

Yes  No

Fee: \$50.00 per quarter (marking period).

**First payment is due with registration by Friday, 9/16.**

Other payments due on or before:

- November 4<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
- January 27<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> quarter)

(You may certainly send in payment for more that one quarter/or entire year if that is more convenient. If you currently have a FACTS account, the yearly fee can be added into your remaining monthly withdrawals, just let us know if you would like this done.)

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Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fee of \$50 is enclosed.
- Full yearly fee of \$200 is enclosed.
- Please add the yearly band fee of \$200 to my FACTS account.