



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADES 4th TO 8th!!

It's time to join or rejoin **The Saint Bartholomew Band Program!!**

As a band member you will have the opportunity to study a musical instrument and to gain valuable skills and friendships that will last a lifetime. There is an instrument for *everyone* and wonderful musical experiences to enjoy.

During the first year of band membership, students of the **Beginner Band** will learn the fundamentals of playing a musical instrument, as well as reading music notation and playing in a full ensemble. Students who already have at least one year of lesson experience on their instrument are invited to join the **Advanced Band**. These students will focus on refining their skills on their individual instruments and gaining a greater understanding of how all the different sections of the band work together.

Students in both the beginner and advanced bands attend one group lesson per week during the school day and one afterschool band rehearsal. **Advanced Band** meets on Mondays and **Beginner Band** meets on Wednesdays, from 2-3pm. Through participation in band students can learn discipline, perseverance and teamwork skills, all while making something beautiful and having fun!

Students can pick from the following instruments to play in **Beginner Band**:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Percussion (snare drum and bells)

In the **Advanced Band**, additional instruments, like the violin and piano, can be added. If a student has been taking lessons on an instrument not listed and wishes to join our group, please reach so we can discuss how we could incorporate their instrument in our band.

There is a \$200 fee per student to join the band program. Registration and payment is done through the Faith Direct Link. Each member must be picked up at the gym door entrance or go to after school care at 3pm.

Instruments may be purchased or rented through NEMC (National Educational Music Company). Please open the digital flyer to find out more information. Along with the instrument, your student will need the **Essential Elements Method Book 1**.

Digital Flyer: [NEMC Rental Information](#)

(To find St Bartholomew School listing, please put in the zip code 08816)

The band performs two concerts a year at the school. They also enjoy a field trip with the chorus to experience other performing groups. For more information please email me at:

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I can't wait to start up the band program again!

Musically,

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