

## 2021-2022 St. Patrick School Band Information

### OBJECTIVES

It is the intent of Saint Patrick School Band to educate, elevate, and uphold the standards of music study while increasing music appreciation and improving one's skill on their chosen band instrument. This can be accomplished through a combination of student enthusiasm, commitment, individual practice, school lessons, private lessons if able, and parental support.

### LESSON INFORMATION

Lessons will be conducted once a week for 45 minutes during the school year except for scheduled school days off. Lessons will begin the week of September 6, 2021 and end the last week of May 2022. Sectional lessons for every band student will be pull-out during the regular school day. After school help is available on band days when worked out between parents and the band director. There will be two groups this year: Gold Band for the returning members and Green Band for the new members. Green Band is not just for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, it is for any beginning Band member. Your child will progress much faster in a level appropriate group and get the individualized attention and fundamentals that they need to succeed. Due to COVID closures from the last two years, this group will be much more diversified in ages than in previous years.

### TUITION/FEES

Tuition, payable in advance, is as follows:

\$50 for the year and a \$15 registration fee for additional supplies and music.

Tuition can be paid in full at the beginning of the year or broken into 2 equal payments (\$25 at the beginning of the year and \$25 after returning from Christmas break). If tuition is not paid by the above dates, band students will not be allowed to be pulled out of classes for band instruction.

**Please make checks payable to Rachel Warnick** or reach out for Venmo or PayPal options.

### ADDITIONAL COSTS

Green Band Students are required to purchase Essential Elements Book 1 (available at Roberson's Music or Amazon.com). Essential Elements Book 2 is required of the Gold Band members. All students are also expected to always have the recommended supplies that are on the individual instrument handouts (ie. reeds, oil, etc.), a folder, and a folding music stand. These items **MUST** be brought to every lesson.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to bring their instruments to and attend every lesson. In the interest of teaching the students responsibility and accountability, lessons will not be made up for forgetting to bring instruments.

**PRACTICE** - Daily practice is essential, and students should keep a written record of practice time. 20-30 minutes a day is recommended. Practice makes progress!

### COVID-19 DISCLAIMER

There is an increased risk of exposure from COVID-19 with participation in band due to the nature of unmasked participants and aerosolized droplets in the room. To mitigate these exposures, St. Patrick School will take extra precautions to keep the students as safe as possible; going above and beyond the recommendations for distancing and time spent in band instruction. Students will wear a mask whenever they are not actively playing, along with other mitigation strategies. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Warnick or Dr. Nicholson.