

# St. Paul Band Program

Dear Parents of 5th - 8th Grade Students,

It is a great joy to invite and encourage you and your child(ren) to be a part of the Band Program. We are excited about starting a new school year and look forward to the continued growth of the Bands at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Band is open to all students in grades 5 through 8. There are two main groups: Beginning Band and Concert Band. **Beginning Band** is open to any student who wants to learn to play a musical instrument. No experience is necessary. In order to participate in the **Concert Band**, each student must have participated in Beginning Band and/or have reasonable proficiency on his or her instrument.

The costs involved: There is a \$75.00 non-refundable band fee to be paid before the school year begins. This helps to cover our costs. If you do not own an instrument you will need to plan on a \$15.00-\$25.00 monthly rental fee, depending on the instrument your child chooses to play. The school has a limited inventory of used band instruments that are available to rent (first come first served) at \$15.00 per month. Or, you may rent from one of the local music stores.

Information will be provided prior to, or at the beginning, of the new school year.

The following instruments are included in our Band Program:

For *Beginning Band*:

Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone and Percussion

As students learn their instrument and develop in the program, other instruments may be introduced.

For *Concert Band*:

Woodwinds include: Flute, Clarinet, and Alto Saxophone to start, with the addition of Oboe, Bass Clarinet, Tenor and Baritone Saxophone as the group/student develops.

Brass: Trumpet, Baritone and Trombone, as well as French Horn and Tuba

Percussion: All percussionists will learn a variety of instruments including Snare and Bass Drums;

Cymbals, Xylophone, Bells (Glockenspiel), Timpani, as well as other percussion instruments.

We also have the opportunity to use Steel Drums from time to time.

To enroll your child in the band program, please complete the attached **Band Enrollment** form and turn it in to the school office with a \$75.00 fee per family. This fee can be charged to your school account, or by attaching a check. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran School. **Please turn in all forms and money to St. Paul Friday, August 18, 2023.** This will allow us to plan on the number of students we will have and the instruments we will need for band.

Thank you so much!

Looking forward to meeting you and I'm excited to start a new year! It's going to be great!

Many blessings to you in Christ,

Carol A. Halvorsen

Band Director