
GES 2020/2021

Junior Bengals Band

— Thursday, August 20th, 2020 —

Welcome to our Band Family!

Band is fun. Band is making friends. Band is learning on a new level. Band is physical activity. Band is social. Band is math. Band is history. Band is literature. Band is ...

The directors

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- Co-teaching CCCMS and CCCHS

Instruments

- Option 1: Ideally, students have their own instrument
- Option 2: We have some instruments (except flutes)
- Percussion will start on keyboard instruments
 - Need a percussion kit (we have a few to rent out)
- Rental fee is \$30 for the year
- Rental agreements
- Option 3: Tom's Music House in Concordia, Glenn's Music in Manhattan, Manning Music in Manhattan/Topeka
- I will send out a short Google form for instrument rental

Instruments cont'd

Please do not buy an instrument on Amazon or other retailers!

- Really bad material (often non-repairable)
- Students get frustrated with not creating the correct sounds
- Wasted money (it's not an investment)

Books (Tradition of Excellence, Book 1)

- Between \$11 and \$16 (most are \$11, just percussion is more expensive)
- Comes with an “Interactive Practice App” which we’ll be using
- App is free and can be downloaded on phones and tablets
- Will also be on their computers (in case of remote learning)

Cost of being in band (prices are estimates)

- Approximately \$13 for Textbooks
- Cost of individual instrument (rent, rent-to-own, used/new instrument)
- Music stand for home use \$10 - 15
- Reeds (each reed player needs a new reed approx. every 2 weeks, cost depend on instrument (Clarinets \$2.50, Saxes \$3.50))
- \$20 for brass mouthpiece
- \$2 for mouthpiece brush
- \$20 for percussion sticks and Bell mallets

Binders and other material

- Every student needs their own binder (NO sharing)
- Every student needs a pencil for band

Future cost

- Starting in 6th grade, students should have their own instruments (exceptions: Tuba and percussion)
 - Cost greatly vary by instrument, its quality, new/used etc.
 - Please never hesitate to contact us for suggestions and to check a used instrument
- T-Shirts in 6th grade for the Tour
- Band shirt starting in 7th grade
- Percussion have to have their own sticks

Expectations and practice

- Beginning band is fun!
- Learning to play our instruments (games, notes, rhythms)
- Just like any other skill: need to be practiced

- Practice time should be about 15 to 20 min. per day
- It's not always pretty, but it makes us better!

Private Lessons

- After school
- Available for all instruments
 - \$10 for 30 minutes
- Look out for Sign Up Genius in the coming week

Q&A

Thank you for Zooming in tonight!

Please never hesitate to contact us:

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