

## The Band Program- How it Works at St. Bruno Parish School

- **Lessons** will take place each week. With teacher help, small groups will be pulled out of class during the regular school day. **Lessons** will begin in early September.
- **Band Rehearsals** will also be once a week. These **Rehearsals** will tentatively take place in the Gym and will be in conjunction with music classes.
- **Performances**  
The band will perform in concerts and other school functions. Now that program has been established, we look forward to band members participating in a WSMA solo and ensemble festival.
- **Other Possible Activities**  
Performance Field Trip  
Band Clinic
- **School Owned Instruments**  
Used Instruments will be provided upon request based on availability at a rental fee of \$50 for the school year.

## Curriculum

**Band Music** - Group band music is chosen for its quality, its usefulness in teaching various musical concepts and styles and interest for the student.

**Lesson Books** - For \$10, the *Essential Elements* Lesson Books will need to be purchased *by parents* for each band member. Beginners use Book 1. The lesson curriculum includes learning to read music and learning all aspects of playing the individual instrument.

### Positive Learning

Children progress at their own pace, especially in the small group lesson setting.

**Band Tuition:** \$175 per semester or \$300 paid in September for the full school year. **Monthly payments can also be worked out.** Discounts are provided for more than one child in the program

## Director Responsibility

- **Lessons** - Provide an individual or small group lesson to each student once a week. Lessons are scheduled in cooperation with the classroom teacher. After the first few weeks, schedules will be printed in advance.
- Provide 28 weekly lessons in a 36+ week school year and two concerts.
- Strive for a balanced band to provide the utmost musical experience.
- **Band Rehearsals** - Direct group band rehearsals during which the students will learn:
  - How to follow a conductor
  - How to play as a group
  - To experience various styles of music
  - To experience the thrill and excitement of a performance
- **Progress Reports** - Provide Band Progress Reports/Report Cards.

**Because of the “ups and downs” encountered when learning an instrument, band is a year long commitment.**

## Meet your Director Mr. John Szczygiel

- Music Education at St. Norbert College
- Bachelor of Fine Arts with Certification to teach from UW-Milwaukee
- Masters in Music and Education from UW-Milwaukee
- School Band Director for 40 Years.
- Mukwonago Schools music chair for ten years.
- Former president of the Wisconsin Association of Music Supervisors, Coordinators, and Department Chairs
- Certified WSMA judge and clinician
- Teaches private band instrument lessons.
- Three children, John, Jacob and Monika played band instruments.
- Member National Band Assn, American School Band Directors Assn, Wisconsin Bandmasters Assn. Executive Secretary WI Phi Beta Mu International Band Director Fraternity.
- Learned Suzuki techniques when twins, Monika and Jacob, were in the Suzuki violin program at Carroll College

*I am very excited to be a part of the band program here at Saint Bruno's Parish School. I feel every child should be provided with the opportunity to nurture all of their talents. Without a*

*band program, many children would not realize their musical potential.*

## Parent Responsibilities

- Help schedule a practice time and place.
- Remind to practice.
- Encourage and compliment.
- Provide a working instrument, lesson books and instrument supplies.
- Help to have the instrument at school on the correct day.
- Make lesson payments in a timely manner.
- Provide a music stand.

## Student Responsibilities

- Make a commitment to try your best at every lesson and practice session.
- Be sure to set up a time to practice your instrument at home.
- Bring your instrument to school on lesson and rehearsal day. Be sure to attend.
- Have a lot of fun making music!!

## Be A Part Of The Wildcat Band

- Provides the framework to nurture one's talent.
- A well-organized and sustained education in band performance gives children intellectual and creative advantages that last a lifetime.
- Provides an avenue for self-expression, creativity and personal achievement.
- Provides the opportunity to experience the beauty, excitement and joy of music performance.
- Encourages critical thinking and problem solving.
- Fosters a commitment to persistence and excellence.
- Develops poise and self-confidence.
- Results in higher SAT scores and more complete brain development.
- Offers the opportunity to make new friends while learning the value of cooperation and teamwork.

