



St. Michael's Band Program Information (For Grades 5-8)

Greetings!

Thank you for expressing an interest in our band program! It's been my privilege to work with the St. Michael's children for many years. The following paragraphs outline the basic details of our program.

Our band program consists of three sections, a **beginning** section for students that have no previous experience with a band instrument (woodwind, brass or percussion) and 2 **intermediate** sections (based upon playing level/experience) for students that have had a year or more of instruction (either in a school or private lesson setting). All sections will meet twice a week during the afternoons for 45 minutes per session. The schedule will be determined by surveying the participating parents for available days and times. The sessions will take place at Trinity Episcopal School. The first month for all bands is free of charge, after which a non-refundable materials fee of \$80 per student is due.

If your child would be in **beginning band**, please return the **INFORMATION FORM** on the next page to **Mr. Tickle or to me by Tuesday, September 8**. I'll contact you to set up an instrument survey appointment with your child, which you are encouraged to attend as well. The purpose of this survey is to determine which instruments will be the best choices for your child. Band instruments should be carefully selected for each child to ensure compatibility with a variety of factors. I recommend every beginning student has this survey done before he or she selects an instrument.

If your child will be in intermediate band, then simply return the **INFORMATION FORM** to either Mr. Philip Tickle at St. Michael's or to me by Tuesday, September 8. I will then contact you to gather scheduling information.

Once an instrument has been selected, you can rent or buy them from a number of local stores. I'll provide an information sheet that shows these stores as well as the supplies and book that each student will need to get started.

I hope this has answered your questions about our band program. If you would like additional information, please contact me at brianrollins@trinityes.org or by phone at 327-3123.

Best regards,

Brian Rollins

St. Michael's Band Information Form

Student name _____

Address _____

Email address: _____

Phone #(s) _____

Grade for the upcoming year _____

Please indicate the section of band that you would join this year

_____ I would be a **beginning** band student (no prior band instrument experience)

_____ I would be an **intermediate** band student (1 or more years of experience)

Please return this form to Mr. Philip Tickle at St. Michael's or to me at:

Brian Rollins, Band Director
Trinity Episcopal School
3850 Pittaway Drive
Richmond, VA 23235

You may also reply e-mail the completed form to: brianrollins@trinityes.org