



## **McGill-Toolen Beginner Band Program**

The McGill-Toolen Prep Band program has a long and very successful history. The Beginning Band program encompasses 5th grade beginners and new percussion musicians. Each band member is part of a class at their school that meets and rehearses during the school day. The beginner band rehearses two days during the year at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and performs two concerts

Teacher - NAME

SCHOOL - NAME

Directors EMAIL -

DIRECTORS phone number -

We have recently complete the instrument selection process and your child has been selected to play \_\_\_\_\_. Your child will have the most recess and fun playing this instrument.

You may or may not have this instrument. If you do not have this instrument, We suggest a rental-purchase program plan. Included with this handbook is additional information from local music stores that have instruments and purchase plans.

Your child will need to have the following by SEPTEMBER 18th.

### **1. Instrument (circled)**

**Flute and cleaning rod, slams cloth, polishing cloth, wire music stand**

**Clarinet and 5 reeds (strength 2 1/2), swab, Cork Grease , wire music stand**

**Alto Saxophone and 5 reeds (strength 2 1/2), swab, Cork Grease, wire music stand**

**French Horn and valve oil, tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polish cloth, wire music stand**

**Trumpet and valve oil, tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polish cloth, wire music stand**

**Trombone and slide oil tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polish cloth, wire music stand**

**Baritone/Euphonium (instrument provided by McT Band) and slide oil tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polish cloth, wire music stand**

**Tuba (instrument provided by McT Band) and slide oil tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polish cloth, wire music stand**

We have some instruments available for students. If you have difficulty finding an instrument - please let your director before September 18th.

### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ Tradition of Excellence Beginner Book.**





## Rehearsals, Performance, and Practice

Performances, Rehearsal and Practice are essential to the success of the band program and your child's enjoyment of music. We only have two rehearsals outside of school. Practice is also an integral part of your child's success in band. There is a practice requirement for beginner band members. Each student will need to practice a minimum of 12 minutes a day out side of daily band class.

### Schedule

September 16th - Instruments and books for class

December 2nd - Beginner Band Rehearsal 9am-11am - McGill-Toolen Band room

**December 9th - Christmas Festival Performance - McGill-Toolen Gym**

May 5th - Beginner Band Rehearsal 9am-11am - McGill-Toolen Band room

**May 12th - Spring Concert - McGill-Toolen Gym**

### Fees/Charges

*As much as we would like to say band is free - unfortunately it is not. These fees help cover school instruments, instructors, teachers, music, cost of tour band, performances, and music supplies. Your school values the importance of band and music in your child's life and part of their education. Your school helps every band student by paying \_\_\_\_\_ of their band fees.*

**\$225 Band Fees - Due October 6th**

**Late After - October 13th**

*We understand that fees can be burdensome. If you need to make alternate plans for payment please contact your director before **October 6th**.*

*Students who have not made arrangements with your director or band fees by **October 13th** will be removed from the band program.*

To enroll your child in beginner band, please thoroughly read and fill out the online agreement form **on or before September 16th, 2017.**

The Beginner Band Agreement Form can be found at :

**<https://goo.gl/forms/fgZnlAse0xBTtfK32>**





## **McGill-Toolen Beginner Band Percussion Program**

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**SCHOOL - NAME**

**Directors EMAIL -**

**DIRECTORS phone number -**

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### **WHY SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN THE BAND**

Research made between music and intelligence concluded that music training is far greater than computer instruction and athletics in improving children's abstract reasoning skills. Students with coursework/experience in music performance scored higher on the SAT: students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 41 points higher on the math, and students in music appreciation scored 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on the math, than did students with no arts participation in middle and through high school.

### **WHAT IF I WANT TO BE IN THE BAND AND PLAY A SPORT OR CHEERLEAD?**

The McGill-Toolen Prep Band and Directors understand the importance of a well-rounded education. Participation in one or multiple extra curricular activities can be a part of that education.

Your child will need to have the following by SEPTEMBER 18th.

#### **1. Instrument**

**Percussion Kit - contains - Drum Pad, sticks, Bell set, and mallets**

#### **2. Percussion Tradition of Excellence Beginner Book.**





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Practice is also an integral part of your child's success in band. There is a practice requirement for beginner band members. Each student will need to practice a minimum of 12 minutes a day out side of daily band class.

Beginner Band Percussion members have an additional opportunity to be involved in the Honor Band. Any beginner percussion member who attends the majority (only missing two rehearsals per year) Honor Band Percussion Rehearsals will be a member of the Honor Band and Tour Band. This is an honor usually reserved for older members of the prep band.

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## **Beginner Band Percussion Schedule**

### **October**

- 10 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5pm
- 17 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5pm
- 24 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5pm
- 31 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm

### **November**

- 7 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 14 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 20 - MON - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 28 - Full Prep Band, Honor Band, and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 28 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 5:30pm-6pm

### **December**

- 5 - FRI - Prep Band, Honor Band, and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm until 6pm
- 6 - Christmas Festival Performance for Beginner Band, Prep Band, Honor Band, and Honor Band Percussion 3pm until 6pm**
- 11 - MON - Tour Band Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 12 - Tour Band Performance (During school day)

### **March**

- 20 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5pm
- 27 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm

### **April**

- 10 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 17 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 23 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
- 29 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm

### **May**

- 1 - Prep Band, Honor Band, and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-6pm
  - 8 - Honor Band and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
  - 11 - FRI - Honor Band and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
  - 12- Beginner Band, Prep Band, Honor Band, and Honor Band Percussion Spring Concert 1pm-3:30pm**
  - 29 - Honor Band and Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
  - 14 - Mon Tour Band Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm
  - 15 - Tour Band Performance (During school day)
- SUMMER BAND CAMP FOR PREP BAND JUNE 22-25 AND JUNE 29-JULY 2**

