

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, twice a week, with an extra time on Friday for optional help. The beginner band rehearses four days during the year (two are optional, but encouraged) at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and performs a Christmas and Spring Concert.

Teacher -

SCHOOL -

Director's EMAIL -

Because we travel between schools, the best source of communication with us is via email. We send all information, reminders, and issues via email, so it is extremely important that we have your correct email address and that it is one that you check regularly. We do our best to reply within 24 hours of receiving an email.

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. Since band meets during the school day there is minimal after school commitments and therefore does not conflict with other extra curricular activities.

INSTRUMENT SELECTION

Your child will need to have the following by SEPTEMBER 18th. **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE INSTRUMENTS FROM WALMART OR AMAZON.COM**

1. Instrument (circled) The wire music stand is suggested for every instrument but not mandatory.

Flute and cleaning rod, swab 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 know before September 18th.

2. Tradition of Excellence Beginner Book for your instrument.

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 four 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 outside of daily band class.

Schedule

September 17th - Must have Instruments and books for class

November 17th - Beginner Band Rehearsal 9:00-10:30 - McGill-Toolen Band room

December 7th - Beginner Band **MANDATORY** Rehearsal 4pm-5pm - McGill-Toolen Band room (student must be in attendance to perform in the concert the next day).

December 8th - Christmas Festival Performance 5pm - McGill-Toolen Gym (students need to report at 4:15)

April 12 - Beginner Band Rehearsal 4pm-5pm - McGill-Toolen Band room

May 10th - Beginner Band **MANDATORY** rehearsal 4pm-5pm

May 11th - Spring Concert - McGill-Toolen Gym 2:00 (students need to report at 1:15)

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 as part of their education. Your school helps every band student by paying a portion of their band fees. The child's portion of the band fee amounts to:

\$ - Band Fees Due October 5th
Cash, check, or money order made payable to

We understand that fees can be burdensome. If you need to make alternate plans for payment please contact your director before **October 5th**. Students whose parents have not made arrangements with your director or paid their band fees by **October 5th** will not be able to continue in the program until the balance is made current.

To enroll your child in beginner band, please thoroughly read and fill out the online agreement form **on or before September 14th, 2018**.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4z3LjPPjr8qr1Yq0fdWTya0JaDsznBzLJicFd2qFCXHXDnw/viewform>

The Beginner Band Agreement can be found at www.mctband.org under the **McT Prep Band** tab. The beginning Band handbook and the beginning Band online form can both be found under the tab.

We look forward to sharing God's beautiful gift of music with your children!

McGill-Toolen Beginner Band Percussion Program

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We have recently completed the instrument selection process and your child has been selected to play **PERCUSSION**. We believe your child will have the most success 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.

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1. **Instrument - Percussion Kit - contains - Drum Pad, sticks, Bell set, and mallets**
2. **Percussion Tradition of Excellence Beginner Book.**

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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 semester) 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

9 - 4pm-4:45pm
16 - 4pm-4:45pm
23 - 4pm-4:45pm
30 - 4pm-4:45pm

November

6 - 4pm-4:45pm
13 - 4pm-4:45pm
17 - 9:00am-10:30am Full Beginner Band Rehearsal
19 - **MONDAY** - 4pm-4:45pm
27 - 4pm-4:45pm

December

4 - 4pm-4:45pm
7 - 4pm-5pm MANDATORY REHEARSAL McT Gym
8 - Christmas Festival Performance featuring Beginner Band, Prep Band, McT H.S. Band 2pm in McT Gym
(report at 1:15)

March

19 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5pm
26 - Honor Band Percussion Rehearsal 4pm-5:30pm

April

2 - 4pm-4:45pm
9 - 4pm-4:45pm
12 - 4pm-5pm Full Beginner Band Rehearsal
16 - 4pm-4:45pm
30 - 4pm-4:45pm

May

7 - 4pm-4:45pm
10 - FRI - MANDATORY REHEARSAL 4pm-5pm McT Gym
11 - Beginner Band, Prep Band, Honor Band, Spring Concert 2pm in McT Gym (report at 1:15)

ALL REHEARSALS ARE IN THE McT BAND ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SUMMER BAND CAMP FOR PREP BAND JUNE 17-20 AND JUNE 24-27