



Elementary School Band Program
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Mustang Band

Maverick Band

Colt Band

Jazz Band

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Dear Parents,

Near the end of this month your fourth grade child will be introduced to the band program offered to all fifth through eighth grade students in the KML Federation schools. This program is offered by the Music Department of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School as part of its mission to educate, encourage and equip God's people for life and for eternity.

The presentation to the fourth grade students will include a video about the instruments involved in the band program, a presentation of the instruments, and some time to try several instruments themselves before heading back to the classroom. As they leave the presentation, the students will have a brochure of information, different from the one included with this letter, and a sheet showing which instruments they were able to try playing and which they are most interested in.

Please take some time to talk with your child about this great opportunity! We will have two information and registration events where you will be able to meet with the teachers, learn more about the program, hear from a representative from White House of Music about their rental and purchase options, and your child will have the opportunity to try as many instruments as he or she would like. Please do not feel there is any obligation to register for the program if you come to one of those events. If you'd like to just come to hear more about things before making a decision, you are welcome to do that. These will be held in the Band Room at KML on Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Please also use our current band parents and students as references while you're considering our band program. Parents who have children involved in band can give you a unique perspective of the benefits of the program. Current band students will be able to share with your child the fun experiences they've had and the knowledge they've gained as they've progressed through years. We do have one final performance this year where you would have the opportunity to see and hear what we're doing as well. Feel free to join us for our Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM in the KML Performing Arts Center.

For our beginning band students, we offer a FREE camp over the summer where any interested students will have the chance to borrow an instrument from White House of Music, free of charge, and learn the basics of playing that instrument with a teacher that specializes in playing it. Even after this camp, there is no requirement that you sign your child up for band. We just want to offer the opportunity to try things out to see if they are a good fit for your child.

As we have the past couple of years, we are again able to offer a lower rate for our beginning band students, should you decide to continue on in the fall. Next fall our first year band students will receive \$130 off their fees for the year, making the total cost \$350. That \$350 will include all lessons, rehearsals, festivals, camps and trips during the year. Payments can even be made on a monthly basis over eight months, meaning the cost is less than \$45 per month.

We hope that you will give strong consideration to what could be a lifelong journey for your child. The benefits of learning a musical instrument go way beyond the instrument itself and help in so many other areas of life. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to meeting with our Federation's fourth grade students, to giving them time to explore the world of music, and to serving many of your families for the next several years!

God's blessings!
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