



**Saint Joseph Catholic School
and
Totino-Grace Fine Arts Academy
Band 2025 - 2026**



This letter is to inform you about the option of band or orchestra at Saint Joseph Catholic School for the 2025-2026 school year!!

Who is band open to? Anyone and everyone in the 2025-2026 4th - 8th grade!!

Can anyone in these grades participate in band? Yes!!

What is needed to be in band? The only thing your child will need is the actual instrument. All books, practice materials, and music will be provided.

What is the cost of the band or orchestra program? The program is \$75 / month (October - May, 8 payments in total), plus \$75 initial payment at enrollment (or September if returning on continuous enrollment). This includes: weekly small group or individual lessons, the large ensemble, lesson books, all performance music, the ability to participate in combined groups with other area schools, such as jazz ensembles, grade level ensembles, solo competitions, and other opportunities.

Who are the directors of the program? The staff of the fine arts academy are area professionals and directors, hired through or current staff of Totino-Grace Catholic High School.

When does the band meet? The lessons and full group rehearsals are weekly during the school day - exact days and times TBD.

How do I sign up? If you are new to the program, all of the registration for the program can be done online. Follow this link to sign up for band: www.totinograce.org/academics/fine-arts-academy. If you are already participating in the 2024-2025 school year, your registration is on a continuous enrollment and you do not need to register again, unless you are making a change in instrument, school or contact information. Then follow the same link as above and select 'update an existing account'.



How to get an instrument:

I already have an instrument - can my child play that? Yes! However, you may want to bring it to a music store's repair shop to have it tested and possibly cleaned.

I need an instrument - where do I go? The most common way to get an instrument is through a music store's "Trial Plan" or "Rent-to-Own" plan. You can get an instrument with monthly payments that go towards the purchase of an instrument. We work closely with Schmitt Music (www.schmittmusic.com), who has an option where you can rent the instrument online, they will deliver it to us, and we will bring it right to the school!

What now? Anyone interested in band or for this year, please register at: www.totinograce.org/academics/fine-arts-academy (again, if already registered in the 2024-2025 school year, no need to do anything - your registration will be rolled over automatically.)

I have questions - who do I contact? If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hoffman at tim.hoffman@totinograce.org or Bethany Doffing at bethany.doffing@totinograce.org.