

2018 St. Mary Magdalene Grade 4 Beginning Band Sign up Newsletter



Dear Prospective Band Parents,

We will be holding an parental information meeting for all rising 4th graders on: **Tuesday May 8th at 8:00am** in the band room.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In the coming weeks, students will be introduced to the band instruments during music class. Complete a band registration form and return it to Mr. Rizzi by **Wednesday, April 25.**
2. Students will be briefly evaluated on which instrument may suit them best and given a chance to make a sound on a woodwind or brass instrument. Prospective members will be paired up with a first or second choice instrument during music class. Please discuss with your child the general expectations about instrument selection (see below.)
3. Attend the band meeting and finalize which instrument to rent or purchase. PLEASE NOTE StMM does not rent instruments, students must provide their own. If you already own the instrument of choice you may wish to have it refurbished/cleaned by a local repair shop.
4. Purchase Sound Innovations book 1. and supplies (to be distributed by Mr. Rizzi.)
5. Get started with **private summer lessons** (optional.) I personally teach both summer and year round in Cary. I can provide my personal contact information for any student that is interested.

A note about Instrument selection

Our program strives to have a balanced number of instruments on a variety of parts. I encourage students to keep their options open when initially making their first instrument choice.

As I explain to students, band is like baseball in that everyone cannot be the pitcher or catcher. Ensembles must have players on different instruments. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at:

rizzi@stmm.net Students may choose from:

Flute	Trumpet
Clarinet	French Horn
Alto Saxophone	Trombone or Baritone
Percussion- Percussion students will be learning snare drum, bass drum, bell/xylophone as well as various other percussion instruments.	