

## **Statement of Purpose**

St. Paul's Lutheran School Band Program exists to help the students of St. Paul's to develop their God-given instrumental music abilities. The program aims to develop in students an appreciation of God's gift of music, to help them realize their God-given musical potential, and to provide opportunities for students to use their abilities to the glory of God.

## **Membership**

St. Paul's Lutheran School Band Program is open to any student in fifth through eighth grade. Fifth graders play in the Junior Band; grades six through eight play in the Raider Band. Members of the Raider Band also have the option of playing in the Jazz Band. Students beginning an instrument after fifth grade take lessons until they achieve a level of performance sufficient to join the Raider Band.

## **Instrument/Folders Storage**

All students are assigned a locker and folder location in the instrument storage room. Students are asked to take their instruments and folders to the storage room as soon as they arrive at school in the morning. After rehearsal, students should return their instruments and folders to the storage room. Instruments should be taken home at night, over weekends, and vacations for practicing.

## **Rehearsals**

Junior Band will rehearse Tuesdays and Thursdays from from 1:40 to 2:05. Raider Band will rehearse Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:10 to 2:50. Jazz band will rehearse during noon recess on Tuesdays.

## **Performances**

The Junior Band, Raider Band, and Jazz Band will have the following performances during the 2009-2010 school year: The bands will present their first concert of the year on Thursday, November 12, at 7 pm. The winter concert will occur on Thursday, March 4, at 7 pm. MVL's Music Festival will be held on Saturday, March 6. The Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, at 7:00.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals, concerts, and lessons is expected. It is vital for all band members to have their instrument and music at school for each rehearsal. Please notify the director in advance of any possible schedule conflicts with band rehearsals or concerts. A student excused for the school day is automatically excused from rehearsal for the day. If a student is absent on a band lesson day, please notify the classroom teacher.

## **Junior Band**

The first rehearsal for the Junior Band will be Tuesday, October 6, from 1:40 to 2:05.

## **Raider Band**

The Raider Band's first rehearsal will be held Thursday, September 10, from 2:10 to 2:50.

## **Jazz Band**

Saxophones, trumpets, trombones, percussionists, and keyboard players are invited to perform with the Jazz Band. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays during recess.

## **Supplies**

We use the series "Essential Elements 2000" for lessons. Junior Band members should come to their first lesson with Book 1, available at Jacobs & Meidl. When students finish a book, I will get the next book for them, and add the cost of the book to the quarterly band bill.

Clarinet and saxophone players should use Vandoren brand reeds, which are available for purchase at school. As players progress, they are moved up to harder reeds. I will advise them when this is needed.

## **MVL Music Festival**

This year's MVL Music Festival will be held on Saturday, March 6. The Junior Band, Raider Band, and Jazz Band will perform and be critiqued. Individuals and small groups are strongly encouraged to participate in the festival. Solos and group pieces will be worked on in band lessons. We have a variety of music at school which students can use free of charge.

## **Choosing an Instrument**

St. Paul's Band Program has historically required percussionists to have at least one year of piano instruction, which enables them to learn mallet instruments as well as the drums. Students playing wind instrument can select the instrument which most interests them and/or seems to be most suitable to them. The director may encourage students to choose a certain instrument, or limit the number of students on a particular instrument, in order to achieve a proper balance of instruments in the band.

## **Instruments Available for Student Use**

St. Paul's owns some instruments which can be rented by band members at a cost of \$70 per year. This cost covers the cleaning of the instrument over the summer, and any normal wear and tear repairs which may come up during the school year. Contact the director regarding instruments available for rental from the school.

## **Lessons**

All band students take weekly lessons. 20-minute lessons are given at school during the school day. 27 weeks of lessons will be given during the 2009-2010 school year. The per lesson rate has been set at \$8. Lessons can be paid for quarterly, with a \$50 bill per quarter coming with the report card. (The final bill will be \$66.) Payments should be made within ten days of receiving the statement in the report card. Band members also pay a \$25 band fee which enables the director to purchase new music for the bands to learn. This fee is paid on Registration Day.

There will be no lessons during the week of Christmas services practices or during Lutheran Schools Week. When there is no school scheduled, such as Teachers' Conference days and the like, no band lessons are given.

Lessons will begin on Thursday, September 10.

For further information regarding the St. Paul's Band program please contact the director:

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