

Springfield Catholic Beginning Band Information

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

How can I become involved in band?

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT YOU NEED TO DO EXCEPT ATTEND THE BAND INSTRUMENT NIGHT! Everything you need to know about band will be explained at that evening.

Mark your calendars now

BAND INSTRUMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, August 22nd

5:00-7:00

Palen Music Center

What else will be discussed at the instrument night?

Palen Music Center is located at 1560 E. Raynell Place just across the street from the Battlefield Mall. You will meet the band director, visit with the friendly Palen Music Center staff and have all of your questions answered. We will have all of the director-recommended instruments, books, and supplies on hand and are eager to help.

How much will it cost?

Students are required to provide their own instruments, band method books, and needed band supplies. Students may purchase their own instrument, but are encouraged to rent the instruments for at least a year. After comparing stores for brand availability, prices, and rental plans, we have selected Palen Music Center to do our band instrument night. They have a representative that visits the school twice a week to ensure that all instruments are in working order. We strongly recommend that you acquire a quality instrument for your child. Do not search pawn shops for a bargain and avoid cheap “toy” instruments found at big box retailers as these instruments do not meet our minimum specifications. The best way to ensure success is to provide a high-quality instrument and then ensure that productive practice happens at home on a regular basis. Palen Music Center has the instrument brands and supplies that we recommend and have a very flexible rental program. Rental prices for most instruments range from around \$25-\$35 per month. Saxophones, horns, and baritones are a little more. The book and accessories that we will use all year will cost approximately \$40 and will be available at the instrument night.

Where can I find more information?

Additional information can be located at www.palenmusic.com