



Band at St. John Dry Ridge during 2025-2026!

This school year (2025-2026) the 4th grade through 8th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in before-school band. The St. John Dry Ridge Band Program is small group music lessons on the instruments you would find in a high school marching band. There is no marching involved here. But a lot of fun. Students may choose from the following instruments: **Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Bells (xylophone), or Snare Drum.** This band program is being brought to St. John Dry Ridge by **The Music Staff** and therefore has a separate fee from tuition (please see below). Families are also responsible for the rental of the music instrument. Band begins in September. We will allow sign-ups through the month of September. Students who have participated in one or more years of band and are continuing on the same instrument are in Advanced Band. All students who are new to their chosen instrument are in the Beginner Band.

Eligible Students: **Beginner Band:** Any student, in 4th through 8th grade, who has not played the instrument before.

Advanced Band: Any student, in 5th - 8th grade, who has a year or more of experience on the instrument.

Day of Band: **Beginner Band** = FRIDAY BEFORE SCHOOL **Advanced Band** = TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL

Time: **Beginner Band** = 7:10 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. **Advanced Band** = 7:10 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Location: Before School in the Music Room. **Drop off** at the Music Room door between 7 am and 7:10 am.

Demonstration: All instruments will be demonstrated to all 4th graders on 8/27/25. You may also watch online demonstrations: <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpotb/index.html> Click on "Videos" in the top right corner.

First Day of Band: **Beginner Band** = FRIDAY, Sept 5th. **Advanced Band** = TUESDAY, Sept 2nd. Continues through May 15, 2026.

Fees: Band fees are collected twice during the school year. (The form below does give the option to pay the year in full.)

One Child in Band = \$250, which is collected now and again in January 2026.

Two or More Children in Band from the same family = \$440, which is collected now & in January 2026.

Sign Up: Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page. Please make the check or money order out to "**St. John Dry Ridge**" and **bring it to Mrs. Breda at the first rehearsal**. Rent an instrument & bring it to band.

Concerts: Your school's band combines with all of my school bands, to create one large band for concerts. All band members are expected to attend and participate in all concerts. The following list is our scheduled concerts.

Please save these dates!

1. **Combined Bands Christmas Rehearsal:** Monday, December 15, 2025:

Location: Roger Bacon High School Auditorium:

a. Beginner Band Rehearsal 5:30 – 6:30 pm

b. Advanced Band Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 pm

2. **Combined Bands Christmas Concert:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025: 7 pm Location: Archbishop Moeller High School, 9001 Montgomery Rd, 45242

3. **Combined Bands Spring Rehearsal:**

Monday, May 11, 2026:

Location: Roger Bacon High School Auditorium:

a. Beginner Band Rehearsal 5:30 – 6:30 pm

b. Advanced Band Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 pm

4. **Combined Bands Spring Concert:**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026: 7 pm.

Location: Roger Bacon High School Auditorium

Music Instrument Rental Locations:

Buddy Roger's Music / Willis Music =

<https://www.willismusic.com/brm-homepage/>

Monthly instrument rentals range in price from approximately \$25 to \$55 for a Used instrument. If you are renting a New instrument, the cost will be slightly higher. **If the instrument rental is a family financial hardship, contact Mrs. Breda!**

Communication: I utilize the app **ClassDojo** for all of my communications. You will receive an invitation to join our **ClassDojo** group for Band!

This Band Program is brought to you by:

The Music Staff

Band Director:

Cell = 513-675-4889

Mrs. Beth Breda

E-mail = bbreda@outlook.com

BAND REGISTRATION FORM:

First Semester 2025 (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name (s) _____ School _____

Instrument (s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent Phone _____

Please print the best email address to send important info to you and your child.

Email 1 _____

Email 2 _____

Email 3 _____

Check here for type of Band:

☐ Beginner Band

☐ Advanced Band

First Semester Fees: Please checkmark the appropriate payment choice below:

_____ \$250.00 for one child (If you wish to pay for the whole school year: _____ \$500 for one child for the year.)

_____ \$440.00 for two or more children in the same family (OR _____ \$880 for two or more kids for the year)

Please hand to Mrs. Breda at the first rehearsal. Make check out to: St. John Dry Ridge.

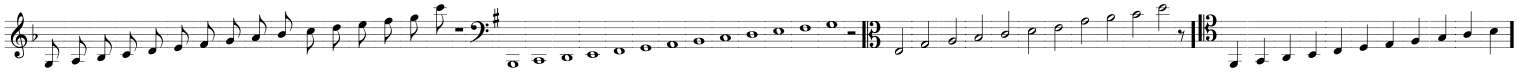
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Reasons why your 4th grade through 8th grade student should consider Before-School Band offered at SJDR during the 2025-26 year:

1. SJDR will offer band before-school on **Fridays for Beginners** (and Tuesdays for Advanced).
2. During Band, your student will **learn how to play an instrument**, and your student will also learn a new language: **The language of reading music!**



3. Band offers the opportunity for **self-expression, creativity and achievement**. In our era of instant gratification, nothing beats learning and playing a musical instrument, which provides the **instant gratification** of learning new notes, new rhythms, and new theory.
4. Band allows the student to **explore past worlds and various cultures** by learning songs from different times and places around the globe.
5. Band participation enhances **problem-solving**, provides the setting for **teamwork, goal-setting, coordination**, and **improved memory skills**. Band participation also boosts self-confidence, self-esteem, and concentration. It helps improve the executive function!
6. Band offers the opportunity to **make shared family experiences and memories**.
7. Band is a **performing art**, practiced daily at home, "team" practice weekly during before-school band class, and provides the venue for two performances during the school year.

During the first two weeks of school, every 4th-grade student will get the opportunity to see each instrument demonstrated during our "Introduction To Band" presentation during music class. If your student was absent, please watch demonstrations here:

<https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpotb/index.html>

We have the following instruments available for their inspection:



Flute



Bells (Xylophone)



Alto Saxophone



Clarinet



Trumpet



Trombone



Snare Drum

To rent an instrument, please go to Willis Music =
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