

Fine Arts Band Options



Instrumental Music (Band)

- For students who have experience playing an instrument
- Freshman-Seniors (Co-Ed with Seton students)
- **Component Groups** (all encompassed in 1 class):
 - **Marching Band**
 - **Concert Band** (Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series)
 - **Stage Band** (concerts, grade schools)
 - **Pep Band** (sporting events)
 - **Steel Drum Band** (class that receives ½ credit)
 - **Indoor Percussion** (winter competitions)
 - **Color Guard** (performs with band, winter competitions)

Piano players & Drummers needed

Beginning Instrumental Music (Freshman Band)

- For beginners with little or NO experience
- Designed to give any student at Elder the opportunity of learning to play an instrument. Students are taught the fundamentals and techniques that will enable them to become members of the Elder Band in the sophomore year
- Meets during the day as a class – no after school commitment
- Free music lessons on your instrument
- Instruments offered: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion (limited)

I'd like to join the band, but...

- **I want to play sports.** You don't have to choose. Almost every band member is involved in other activities, including sports (even football). We encourage involvement in a variety of activities and will work around schedule conflicts.
- **I'm worried about keeping my grades up.** Many studies have shown that participation in band enhances academic achievement. Many of our members are on the honor roll every quarter. Students in the Honors Program are able to fit band into their schedule all 4 years.
- **Will it take too much time?** There is some time involved, but mostly in late summer before school starts. One benefit of joining band is that students learn discipline and time management.
- **I don't have any musical talent.** Band is not just for the gifted few, but for anyone who is interested in trying it. We will teach you what you need to know.
- **I'm interested in Glee Club, too.** Yes, it is possible to participate in both. (See director)

Benefits of Band:

- Freshman band members, as part of a large group with other freshmen, sophomores, juniors & seniors, start high school feeling comfortable because they know their way around and have already made some friends.
- Band members have more flexibility in scheduling other academic subjects because they are not required to take Phys Ed.
- Band performs at many different events, playing a variety of music.
- The Band takes a trip every 2 years (New York, Virginia Beach, Orlando, New Orleans, Niagara Falls / Toronto, Canada).
- Band looks good on college and scholarship applications, and resumes.

Band Web Site: www.elderband.org

