



CYO Emerald Knights

Band and Guard of Kenosha and Racine

Dear All Saints Catholic School Families,

Welcome back to another great year of school! All 4th to 8th grade students are required to participate in COB (Choir, Orchestra or Band). Our band and orchestra program are sponsored by the CYO Catholic Youth Organization! To participate in band or orchestra there will be an additional cost of \$200.00 that can be paid in full or added to your monthly FACTS tuition fee. Choir is offered at no additional cost. In addition, we also offer an after school band for students 5th grade and up that have 2 or more years of experience. This will also be an additional charge of \$175.00 for the year. The fees for band and orchestra are to help cover the cost of equipment, music, and other expenses to conduct the program.

I would like to personally invite you to attend the **CYO Band & Orchestra Parent Information** meeting being held on “**Back to School Night**”. Dates and times for each campus will follow. At this meeting we will be accepting registrations. We will have lots of information about upcoming fundraisers and events, including concert dates. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact me ASAP. The registration deadline for all ensembles is Thursday, September 21st!

Instrument “Try-Its” will be conducted during Packet Pickup days and will also be scheduled for September 11th, 12th and 13th. You can go to our website to sign up for a time to come and try out different instruments.

Also, I would like to invite you to become more involved in the CYO Boosters this year. CYO Band & Orchestra is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization that relies on an executive board of volunteers to operate. You are all very dedicated parents. You not only care about how your children are doing in school, but you volunteer with your Home and School organization, you coach your kids’ sports teams and you do anything else you believe will help your students succeed. While we realize that not everyone can take a leadership role on the Board, we would ask you to volunteer as much as you are able and perhaps attend a meeting or two. The CYO Boosters generally meet on the second Monday of every month at 6:00 PM in the CYO Band room. If you are interested in assisting in any way please contact me.

The fee also includes a lesson once a week during the school day for 4th & 5th grade **beginners**. We currently plan to start these lessons the week of Sept. 25th, but that could change if there are delays.

After School Band rehearsals (experienced 5th grade and up) will be scheduled two days each week after school at the CYO Band Room in St. Joseph Upper Campus. The after school band performs 4 concerts per year. The rehearsal times and days are being worked out and you will receive more details

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at the Parent Information Meeting. We will confirm details at a later date, but if you have any questions you can contact me sooner. The cost to attend after school band will be \$175.00. This is to cover the cost of music, equipment and band room rental.

Thanks to the generosity of the Bob and Cathy Willems family and your fundraising efforts, *every returning student* will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship to offset a part of their membership dues. Details on how to apply for the **Bob Willems Memorial Scholarship** for CYO Band will be provided at the “Back to School Night” Parent Information Meetings.

We are looking forward to building off of what we accomplished last year in the CYO Sponsored Band & Orchestra program and making this school year even more impressive. Of course, all the success we have starts with the support provided at home. Parents make a bigger difference than you might think! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Musically,

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CYO Band Director



Katherine Easton

I am very excited to continue as the CYO Band Director for my fourth year! I will also be on staff at ASCS as their band director, and general music teacher. Music has been a passion of mine since I was very young. Music not only gave me a creative outlet, but helped me become the hard working, passionate, and dedicated person I am today. I graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a degree in Instrumental and General Music Education. I marched in the Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps for many years. My love for marching has turned the CYO Emerald Knights back into an award winning group! My principal instrument is the trumpet, but all brass is my specialty. (I do love woodwinds too though!) I am highly energetic, and have high standards. Our program is growing in strength and numbers every year, and I know this will be the best year for CYO band yet!

CYO Orchestra Director



Nancy Miller

I earned my Bachelor of Music Degree in Violin Performance from Ohio University where I served as Concertmaster for three years and was a two time Concerto Competition winner. I earned my Master's in Violin Performance at the prestigious Manhattan School of Music. I have taught violin privately for years as well as holding a variety of teaching positions, including the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, the Third Street Music School Settlement in New York City, and the David Adler Cultural Center in Libertyville. I perform professionally in orchestras, ensembles and solo violin recitals. I have an extensive ensemble background, including work with the Shore Quartet and Inspiration Duo.

My fundamental teaching strategy is that learning to play an instrument must align with the child's interests. To this goal, I often will help students write original pieces or arrange popular music so that it may be played on their stringed instruments. I believe that learning music expands creativity, strengthens a child's sense of self, and increases intelligence by improving social relationships.

Band Registration Form

New Students

All 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to choose between Band, Orchestra, and Choir. There is a \$200 registration fee for band & orchestra that covers the entire year. This includes a 30 minute lesson each week (beginner students only) and a 45 minute band rehearsal. This registration form will get your student all signed up for Band and Orchestra. You should bring this form, along with your student, to the Parent Information Meeting at your respective school. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program, as well as get your child scheduled to be fitted for an instrument. Each instrument fitting will take approximately 10 minutes. These fittings will take place within a week of the meeting and are extremely important so we can make sure your student is physically able to play their instrument. If you have any questions please contact the CYO Band Room at cyomusic@gmail.com or (262) 656-1610. We look forward to working with your student over the coming year.

Returning Band Students

Welcome back! We are gearing up for a very exciting year! The fee for this year will remain just \$200. Please return this registration form at the CYO Parent Information Meeting at your respective school. We will also be able to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming school year. If you have any questions that need immediate attention, please call the CYO Band Room at cyomusic@gmail.com or (262) 656-1610. We are looking forward to your continued musical growth!

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CYO Member Registration 2017-2018



Please fill out as completely as possible and print clearly. *Indicates required information

Student Information							
*First Name		*Last Name					
*Home Address				*Birth Date			
*City				*State		*Zip	
*Home Phone				Cell Phone			
Email Address (Student's)							
*2016-17 School/Campus				*2017-18 Grade			
*This student is a: (Circle One)		Returning Member		New Member		Years in CYO	
Returning Members: Circle 2016-17 Ensemble(s):				Beginner - Cadet - MS - Concert - MB - Jazz			
2017-18 Ensemble:		Pay in Full?		FACTS?			
*Primary Instrument <small>(Beginners leave blank)</small>				Secondary Instrument(s)			
Family Parish/Church				Parents Can Transport Kids/Equipment?		Yes/No	
If Yes, please list Type of Vehicle and # of Passengers							
Parent/Guardian 1 Information							
*First Name				Primary Contact?			
*Last Name				Same Address as Student? Yes No			
*Home Address							
*City			*State		*Zip		
*Home Phone				Cell Phone			
*Email Address (Primary)							
Occupation				Employer			
Work Email				Work Phone			
Parent/Guardian 2 Information							
*First Name				Primary Contact?	Yes - No		
*Last Name				Same Address as Student? Yes No			
*Home Address							
*City			*State		*Zip		
*Home Phone				Cell Phone			
*Email Address (Primary)							
Occupation				Employer			
Work Email				Work Phone			
Other Family Information							
(Additional Parents, Grandparents, etc. who may play a significant role in student's life)							
*First Name(s)				Primary Contact?	Yes No		
*Last Name(s)				Same Address as Student? Yes No			
*Home Address							
*City			*State		*Zip		
*Home Phone				Cell Phone			
*Email Address (Primary)							