



Dear St. Joseph Catholic Academy – Lower Campus Families,

As you may know, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Band & Orchestra offers band lessons and rehearsals to SJCA-L beginning students (no experience), and Cadet Band students (1-2 years experience).

The CYO also offers an orchestra (strings) program. In addition the school will offer a choir program. Days for COB will be determined at a later date. *Each student MUST select one of the three ensembles to participate in.* Band and orchestra students will also receive one individual or small-group lesson per week during the school day. Both band and orchestra will be offered for an additional cost of \$390 which includes lessons for beginners (**that's less than \$10 per week!**). These fees do not include instrument rental. Instruments may be rented through Pacetti's Music. There is no additional cost for students selecting choir.

In order to begin planning for these programs please fill out the form below and return to the school office before the end of the day Tuesday, September 5th.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenny Rimkus
CYO Band President

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Ms. Katherine Easton
CYO Band Director

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Ms. Nancy Miller
CYO Orchestra Director

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Registration Form Submitted? Yes / No (circle one)

Program Student Plans to Participate in: Band Orchestra Choir

Years currently in CYO: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Parent Email(s): _____



CYO Emerald Knights

Band and Guard of Kenosha and Racine

Dear St. Joseph Catholic Academy – Lower Campus Families,

Welcome back to another great year of school and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sponsored Band & Orchestra program! Our summer season was tremendously successful and now that school has started the Executive Board has been hard at work maintaining the working relationships we have with all the schools we serve. It has been great reconnecting with everyone and hearing about all the students, both new and old, who are excited about joining for this school year. This year could be one of our strongest in recent memory and we thank you for continuing to make Band & Orchestra a part of your child's life.

I would like to personally invite you to attend the **CYO Band Parent Information Meeting on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 PM** in the Buri-Nelson Auditorium at **St. Joseph Catholic Academy Upper Campus** (St. Joe's HS). At this meeting we will discuss instrument tryouts and as well as accepting registrations and payments for this school year (including completing FACTS forms, if you choose). 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" are scheduled for September 12th, 13th and 14th. 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 who 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 Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the CYO Band room. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact me.

Annual Band Fees will remain the same at \$390 for all CYO members. This fee is to help cover the cost of equipment, music, our director's fees, and other expenses to conduct the program. The fee includes a lesson once a week during the school day for 4th & beginner 5th graders. Private lessons are available to all CYO members (for an additional \$125) and will be scheduled after school once per week for thirty minutes. We currently plan to start these lessons the week of Sept. 25th, but that could change if there are delays. **Concert Band** rehearsals (experienced 5th grade and up) will be scheduled two days each week after school and each student will be expected to attend at least one of the rehearsals at the CYO Band Room in St. Joseph Upper Campus. Of course, students are encouraged to

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attend both rehearsals. The rehearsal times and days are being worked out and you will receive more details at the Parent Information Meeting. We will confirm details at a later date, but if you have any questions you can contact me sooner.

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 & Orchestra will be provided at the Parent Information Meeting.

We are looking forward to building off of what we did 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 and Choir. There is a \$390 registration fee for band that covers the entire year. This includes the 45 minute band rehearsal and a 30 minute lesson each week. That is over an hour of instruction for approximately \$10 a week. It is a great deal! 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. Dates and times for these meeting will be established once school begins. 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 at \$390. If you are a second year, or more, band or orchestra student you have the opportunity to take private lessons outside of the school day for an additional \$250 for the year. 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 contact 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 Band 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)							
*2017-18 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:		Extra Lessons?		Total \$ Owed:			
*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 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 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)							
Occupation	retired			Employer			
Work Email					Work Phone		