

St. Mary's Band  
2020-2021

Mrs. Spreeman will be able to offer **individual** band lessons this school year. At this time we will not be meeting for full band rehearsals during the week; however, we may be able to meet later in the year should our circumstances change for the better.

**Lessons**

Mrs. Spreeman will provide individual, 20 minute lessons per band student per week. Parents have two options:

A: In Person Lessons: These lessons will take place at school during the week and will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoons. In person lessons **will take place outside** as weather permits, or they will occur in the music room when needed. Modifications for In Person Lessons are as follows:

- Lessons will be limited to one student per lesson.
- Lessons will take place at school on Thursday and Friday afternoons.
- Lessons will occur outside as weather permits.
- The student and the teacher will be spaced six feet apart facing the same direction.
- The teacher and percussionists will wear masks during lessons, and wind players will wear masks when not playing.
- Inside lessons will include the use of a partition between student and teacher.
- Teacher is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing all equipment used (ie. percussion instruments, chairs, stands, partition, ect.).
- Students are responsible for their own instruments, sticks, reeds, music, pencils, etc.
- Students must wash their hands before returning to class.



(Screen Partition to be used when indoor lessons are necessary)

B. Virtual Lessons: These lessons will occur after school from 2:45pm to 4:15pm Wednesdays and Thursdays. If parents need a different time, then contact Mrs. Spreeman. Virtual lessons

will also be individual and 20 minutes in length; and virtual lessons will occur over Zoom or Google Meet.

### **Cost = \$150**

Students and parents can expect a total of 30 lessons throughout the year for a total cost of \$150. This is a rate of \$5 per lesson, which is one-third of my usual private lesson price. Lessons will be made up if the student or the teacher is sick or either has a previously scheduled absence. Lessons will not be made up if the student forgets his/her instrument and/or the student doesn't attend his/her lesson whether in person or virtual.

Payment can be made by check to Brandi Spreeman, or through PayPal, and must be received no later than September 25, 2020. This rate will not increase if we are fortunate enough to meet as a band later in the year in addition to our lessons.

### **Band Year**

Lessons will begin August 26, 2020, and will end May 14, 2021.

### **Materials**

Band music, solos, ensemble music will be provided to the students by Mrs. Spreeman. Students will need to provide their own books:

5th Grade: Sound Innovations Lesson Book (same as 4th grade)

6th Grade: Elementary Method by Rubank (for your instrument)

7th and 8th Grades: Continuation of his/her current lesson book.

Percussionists 6-7-8: Drum Method by Haskell Harr

All Materials are can be ordered through Amazon.

### **Deadline**

Parents should select their option no later than August 20, and contact Mrs. Spreeman at [bspreeman@stmarysdixon.org](mailto:bspreeman@stmarysdixon.org). The lesson schedule will be made available August 21 in order to begin August 26.

This is a unique experience for all of us and it will take some time to adjust. I plan to give your students diverse genres of music to challenge them and peak their interest. Included this year will be jazz combo music in addition to our concert, spiritual, pop, and patriotic selections. More so this year than any other, I am ready to see you all again and make music!

In His Service,

Mrs. Brandi Spreeman  
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