

PRAIRIE CROSSING CHARTER SCHOOL BAND

General Description:

The band program is open to students in grades 3 through 8. Group lessons are given during the school day with band rehearsals before school. The bands offered are: Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Combo. Two concerts are presented each year with other performance activities throughout the year.

Enrollment:

Although students are accepted in the program at any time, enrollment is usually at the beginning of the school year. All students attended an assembly to introduce them to the program and the instruments offered. Students had the opportunity to try the instruments to determine which instrument they would like to play. New students and their parents attend a meeting to learn about the program, obtain equipment and supplies, register and pay fees. All fees apply to late enrollees. Students who enroll three weeks or more after the start of the program must take private lessons, in addition to the program lessons, until playing at class level.

Fees:

The program is entirely dependent on user fees. Program fees for the 2017–2018 school year are:
\$220 for beginners, September through December; \$235, January through May
\$270 for returning students, September through December; \$285 January through May
\$80 for Jazz Combo, September through December; \$80 January through May

All fees are due at time of registration. Checks are made payable to Jim Spigner and mailed to
Jim Spigner
350 Chesterfield Ln
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Withdrawal:

Students are encouraged to continue in the program throughout the school year and each year they are at Prairie Crossing. If withdrawal is necessary, the following refund policy applies:

Within the first three weeks: full refund less prorated amount for the number of weeks in the program and nonrefundable amount. After three weeks: no refund

Financial Assistance:

A limited amount of funds is available for assistance. Requests for assistance should be addressed to the director, Jim Spigner, at JSpigner300@gmail.com. All requests for financial aid will be considered with consultation with the Prairie Crossing director and principal. In addition, there are some instruments available for use in lieu of renting. There is no fee for the use of these instruments, but parents are responsible for repair of abusive care and for the replacement if the instrument is damaged beyond repair or disappears. Any assistance should be finalized before lessons begin.

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesdays: Woodwind Lessons 8:15 AM – 11:15 AM (30 minute lesson blocks)
Brass Lessons 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (30 minute lesson blocks)
Wednesdays: Band Rehearsal 7:15 – 8:00 AM

Lessons will begin on September 5th for all beginners. Quinlan & Fabish will have the rented instruments delivered on that morning. After two weeks of lessons, we will begin full band rehearsals on September 13th. ALL band students are expected to attend Wednesday morning rehearsals!