

Prairie Crossing Charter School Band Registration 2021-22

Band Sign Up Open House! ***Saturday 10:00-noon 8/28/2021***



If you received this, your child was introduced to the PCCS Bands. I hope that they're as excited to be a part of this amazing program as I am to direct them. Band is open to students 3rd grade and up. On Saturday 8/28/21 outside the gym, I'll be able to answer all your questions, but the basics are on the next page. Continuing musicians can sign up. Beginners, too! Mike Celmer of *Mike's Brass & Woodwinds* will explain the instrument rental program. Instruments will be available to see and touch.

Check out this video from the US Army about the instruments before you come:
<https://youtu.be/CCTeSjpDsls>

Feel free to call or text me, Jim Jacobs at 847-372-0656 at any time.

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All musicians will receive one group lesson and two band rehearsal per week.

Instruction in, but not limited to clarinet, flute, sax, trumpet, trombone, baritone and percussion.

Percussion students must have 3 years of formal piano instruction, 1 year of wind instrument instruction at PCCS, or my approval.

Beginners will work from *Essential Elements* and supplemental work sheets by Jim Jacobs.

All rehearsals and lessons will be open for observation.

Beginner Band – all first-year musicians (Tuesday/Friday 7:00-8:00 AM).

Concert Band – open to all with 1 or more years of instruction (Monday/Thursday 7:00-8:00 AM).

Honors Band – membership by audition (Wednesday 7:00-8:00 AM)

Jazz Workshop – membership in Concert Band & private lessons or PBJ required. (during lunch).

Musicians will be mentored in practical music theory and its application in jazz improvisation.

Group lessons will be during lunch break.

*PBJ Afternoon Alternative – open to all with 1 or more years of instruction (Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:30 PM). Private lessons at your home will be scheduled at mutually agreed upon time.

We will emphasize the foundations of music. Starting day one, young musicians will learn the basics of their instrument of choice, including not only reading of music and technique, but proper posture, hand position, embouchure, and breathing. Instruction on how and what to practice at home will also be taught. We will work as a team in a non-competitive environment to create a fun experience for the students. There will be two concerts each year. The Winter Concert is Tuesday January 18, 2022 and the Spring Concert is Tuesday May 10, 2022, (tentative). Graduation Band will perform on Thursday June 2, 2022. In the future, I would like to see the band be a part of the school by performing at select sporting events, fundraisers, or other programs and functions. Perhaps, we can start community outreach with concerts at a local senior center, or farmers' market, once the program is established.

Cost: \$400 includes band shirt (instrument, required books, and music stands not included)

No refunds

*Cost: \$725 includes band shirt (instrument, required books, and music stands not included)

No refunds

Please make checks payable to **Jim Jacobs** and return directly to the PCCS office or 645 Plymouth Court Gurnee, IL 60031. Send email to jimjacobsmusic@gmail.com for confirmation. Payment via Zelle is also available.

If you have any further questions or comments, feel free to call/text me at 847/372-0656 anytime.

Sincerely,

Jim Jacobs

Please fill out, detach, and hand in the form below

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Student's Name: _____

Shirt size: Child S M L Adult S M L

Grade (2021-22): _____

PCCS Teacher: _____

Instrument: _____

Band: Beginner \$400 Concert \$400 PBJ \$725

Parent's Name: _____

Phone # _____

Mobile # _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Permission Form for Student Management on Open Campus is on file with PCCS Yes___ No___

Notes: _____

Fees Beginner or Concert: \$400 (if paid in full) per student per school year

or Two payments of \$220 dated 9/3/21 and 12/16/21

Fees for PBJ Afternoon: \$725 (if paid in full) per student per school year

or Two payments of \$400 dated 9/3/21 and 12/16/21

Mail completed registration and payment prior to 9/3/2021 (see address below).

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Group Lessons start Monday 9/13/21 location to be announced

PBJ Private lessons start the week of 9/13/21 at your home.

Concert Band rehearsals start Monday 9/27/21 in the gym.

PBJ Afternoon rehearsals start Tuesday 9/28/21 location to be announced

Beginner Band rehearsals start Tuesday 10/5/21 in the gym