



# Parochial Music Education System PMES



Parents who are interested in the band program are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> (Back to School Night K-4) in the Computer Lab from 6 to 6:45 PM. Its purpose is to inform parents about the band program and answer any questions about instruments, lessons and band.

## ***Dear Parents and Students:***

Parochial Music Education System and St. Bede the Venerable School invite you to participate in a unique learning experience. Music lessons and band participation are available for students in grades one through eight. Music lessons are given during school hours. Lessons are once a week. Students who miss a lesson because of absence will receive a make-up lesson. Weekly band practice is before or after school.

Children who are involved in a school music program learn to make, appreciate, and understand music. There are also many other benefits to a child in this program. Studies show that students who play an instrument show higher than average grades and fewer disciplinary problems. Band students are also likely to develop high self esteem, strong social skills, self discipline, time management skills and a unique ability to explore their creative and expressive side.

***Mr. Sonny Facenda, Band Director***

## **Grade 1 Music Lessons**

First graders can learn the recorder for \$40 per month or \$115 per quarter for weekly private lessons.

## **Grade 2 Music Lessons**

Second Graders can learn any woodwind, brass or percussion band instrument except saxophone, guitar or tuba. The cost for music lessons is \$40 per month or \$115 per quarter for weekly private lessons. Once a second grader has advanced in their musical learning they will be invited to join the Junior Band.

## **Grades 3 through 8 Music Lessons**

Third through eighth graders can learn any woodwind, brass or percussion band instrument. The cost for music lessons is \$40 per month or \$115 per quarter for weekly private lessons. Once a student has advanced in their training they will be invited to participate in any one of several bands. Students may begin music lessons at any grade.

## **Instrument Rentals**

Rentals are available through "Music & Arts." Most rentals are \$45.50 for 4 months.

## **Music Packet**

New students will receive a packet containing: a lesson book, 2 books of band selections, a manuscript book, and other miscellaneous copies. Students will receive this packet at one of their first lessons. The cost of the packet of music is \$25. Payment will be due within two months from the start of lessons.

## **Bands**

St. Bede's has a Junior Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band, and starting this year, an Orchestra. The Jazz band is optional for students. Bands practice every week before or after school. There is a Christmas Concert and Spring Concert featuring these four bands. Band members are invited to play in other events during the school year. Jazz bands partake in competitions. Over the years St. Bede's has won many awards.

## **Billing**

Monthly or quarterly invoices will be mailed home.

## **Communication**

A monthly newsletter which highlights upcoming events is emailed to parents and posted on the school website. Announcements, schedule changes and reminders are sent via email. Information is also on the PMES web site, [www.aboutpmes.com](http://www.aboutpmes.com) or the St. Bede school web site in the band section, [www.stbedeschool.org](http://www.stbedeschool.org).

## **Questions?**

You can reach Sonny Facenda: 215-514-5292 Email [fson22@aol.com](mailto:fson22@aol.com)

If your child is interested in exploring the world of music or displays musical talents, please complete the enclosed form and return it to school in an enveloped marked "Music Lessons c/o Mr. Sonny Facenda."





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RETURN TO SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "MUSIC LESSONS C/O SONNY FACENDA"  
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THANK YOU.

*PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR FIRST PAYMENT OF \$40, CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PMES."*

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STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE or FEMALE

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER (2<sup>nd</sup> one if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**BILLING ADDRESS:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NEED RENTAL INFORMATION? YES OR NO

TYPE OF BILLING? MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY

EMAIL ADDRESS(S):

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\*\* List the email addresses used most often. For example, list both home and work email addresses. List both parent emails.