



# Parochial Music Education System PMES



Parents who are interested in the band program are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> in the computer trailer 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. Katharine Drexel 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 \$50 per month/\$145 per quarter/\$435 for the year for weekly group lessons.

## **Grade 2 Music Lessons**

Second Graders can learn any woodwind, brass, percussion or string instrument except saxophone, guitar or tuba. The cost for music lessons is \$50 per month/\$145 per quarter/\$435 for the year for weekly group lessons. Private piano lessons are offered for \$70 a month/\$205 a quarter/\$615 a year. 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, percussion or string instrument. The cost for music lessons is \$50 per month/\$145 per quarter/\$435 for weekly group lessons. Private piano lessons are offered for \$70 a month/\$205 a quarter/\$615 a year. Once a student has advanced in their training they will be invited to participate in any one of several bands.

## **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 and \$35 for guitar students. Payment will be due within two months from the start of lessons.

## **Bands**

St. Katherine Drexel has a Junior Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. The Jazz band and Orchestra are optional for students. Bands practice every week before or after school. There is a Christmas Concert and Spring Concert featuring these bands. Band members are invited to play in other events during the school year. Jazz bands partake in competitions. Over the years St. Katharine Drexel bands (formerly St. Bede bands) have won many awards.

## **Billing**

Monthly or quarterly invoices will be mailed home.

## **Communication**

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. Katharine Drexel school web site in the band section, [www.skdschool.org](http://www.skdschool.org).

## **Questions?**

You can reach Sonny Facenda: 215-514-5292 Email [fson22@hotmail.com](mailto:fson22@hotmail.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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## ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL AGREEMENT

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

### PLEASE SIGN ONE OF THREE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

I would like my child to participate in weekly music lessons. I understand that I will be billed by PMES for \$50 per month. I agree to pay a \$5 late charge per month if my payment is late. I also realize my first payment of \$50 is due with this form and is enclosed. Please make checks payable to "PMES."

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**Parent Signature**

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**Parent Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I would like my child to participate in weekly music lessons. I understand that I will be billed by PMES for \$145 per quarter. I agree to pay a \$5 late charge per quarter if my payment is late. I also realize my first payment of \$145 is due with this form and is enclosed. Please make checks payable to "PMES."

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**Parent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I would like my child to participate in weekly music lessons. I am enclosing \$435 for the school year and will not be billed monthly or quarterly. Please make checks payable to "PMES."

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**Parent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE or FEMALE GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### **BILLING ADDRESS:**

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **Office Only**

Check Number

Amount

Date

DO YOU NEED RENTAL INFORMATION? YES OR NO

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.\*\*

**ST KATHARINE  
DREXEL**