



MCA BAND PROGRAM

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to expand upon the newly established band program at MCA!

Changes include a new **“Intro to Band”** for new student musicians and a **“Band”** course for returning and experienced student musicians.

Both programs include *ANY* musical instrument including voice.

“Intro to Band” - Tuesday Study Hall 2:45 – 3:30

Students will be able to learn new instruments including voice. Returning Band students will have the opportunity to work on new skills or review old skills from the previous school year. Students that learn the basic skills needed to function in a group can advance into the Band Program that meets on Wednesdays.

“BAND” - Wednesday Study Hall 2:45 – 3:30

Returning or eligible student musicians will explore and learn different genres of Christian music. This includes Contemporary, Gospel, Modern Praise & Worship, Christian Rock, Instrumental and more. Students must be able to demonstrate basic skills including drum beats, chords, tablature, vocal range, pitch recognition and more. Students will also learn how to read different types of music including chord charts and lead sheets.

What do students need to participate?

- 1.) Sign up with Mr. Keniley, Administrators, or Main Office before September 31st. Classes begin on the first school week (on Sept 22/23).
- 2.) Instruments will be required to participate. You can borrow from a friend, family member, purchase, or rent from Mr. Keniley.
- 3.) A drumset, chords, and amplifier(s) for bass/guitar and keyboard stands will be provided. Piano/Keyboard players will need to bring a small keyboard with power/batteries. Drummer(s) please bring drumsticks. Other instruments will need to bring personal (or borrowed) instruments to school on band days. Some storage will be available in the band room. A list of items/accessories for each instrument is included and will need to be purchased.



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WOOD WIND/ BRASS INSTRUMENTS

1. Cleaned or Serviced Instrument, ready to play (working condition). Mr. Keniley is available to service any instrument for a discounted price.
2. Cleaning Kit, available at Music Shoppe in Champaign, Chestnut Music in Effingham, or Online (Amazon). Cleaning kit should include swabs, brushes, key savors, and pad cleaners.
3. New reeds (if playing saxophone, clarinet, oboe etc.). Rico 2.0 or 2.5 preferred to started.
4. Instrument Tuner to help locate pitches.
5. Apps are also available upon request

STRING INSTRUMENTS

1. Rosin for bow
2. Tuner for Violin
3. Shoulder rest (4/4 size)
4. Wrist Assistant (optional)
5. Finger Guide (optional)

PERCUSSION/DRUMSET

1. Drumsticks (Vic Firth 2B or similar) to bring to school
2. Drumset (acoustic or electric) for practicing at home. (Don't need to bring to school)

BASS GTR, ELECTRIC GTR, ACOUSTIC GTR, UKULELE, and similar.

1. Capo
2. Picks (medium preferred)
3. Tuner
4. Strap (to stand with).
5. Bag for Carrying

KEYBOARD/PIANO

1. Portable Piano
2. Power Supply or Batteries (if keyboard takes batteries)
3. Stand (for home). Mr. K will provide stands for keyboards.
4. Carrying Case
5. Amazon has Keyboard kits that includes all accessories. Ask Mr. K for more details.