

The Pride of St. James Bands
St. James High School
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Band Parents and Students:

Taking band at the high school is a new experience that most 8th graders are curious about. I have spoken with some of the 8th grade band students and many have expressed interest in the band program here at St. James High School. So, I wanted to explain how high school band works.

The Bands of St. James have built a tradition of excellence and are very competitive in state events. In order to get the most out of their time here, it is recommended for each student to participate in both semesters every year. Along with this letter is a matrix of how students can take band every semester and still take all the required courses to graduate. Many of our band students that take band every semester are eligible to graduate early. If you are interested in AP courses, that's no problem either. Ninety percent of our band students are enrolled in AP classes.

If you are involved with sports, you can still be in the BAND!!! Many of our students play volleyball, soccer, and swim. ROTC members are also a big part of our band program and many are student leaders in both.

*Many Scholarships are awaiting you if you continue your musical journey through high school. Most colleges give scholarships to students to play in the band. These scholarships do **not** require that your major be music. Many of my former students have scholarships at major universities like USC, Clemson, UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, and Florida State. None of them are music majors. Most are engineering or medical students.*

*The courses you would need to sign up for next year are different based on what instrument you play. When you sign up for classes be sure to sign up for Instrumental **Band 1** and **Band 3**. These classes will ensure that you continue to grow as a musician.*

Being a part of the band in high school is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. We hope that you will consider joining us next year. Although you have already registered for classes it's not too late to change your schedule. I would hate for you to miss out on such a wonderful opportunity.

To change your schedule you need to fill out the form in this envelope and return it to one of three people; Mr. Capps, Ms. Rowe, or your guidance counselor. The best options are Mr. Capps or Ms. Rowe because they can send it straight to the people in charge of scheduling.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Send me an email or give me a call in the band office.

Musically Yours,

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ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

This is a four year schedule for all band members. This table shows you how you can take all your classes needed for graduation and take band year round through high school. It also indicates state requirements (*) and classes available online (#).

9th GRADE YEAR

10th GRADE YEAR

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
MATH*#	ENGLISH*#	MATH*#	ENGLISH*#
SCIENCE*#	SOCIAL STUDIES*	SCIENCE*	SOCIAL STUDIES*#
PHYSICAL ED. *#	COMPUTERS*#	FOREIGN LANG. *#	FOREIGN LANG. #
BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND

11th GRADE YEAR

12th GRADE YEAR

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
MATH*#	ENGLISH*#	MATH*#	ENGLISH*#
SCIENCE*#	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	GOV./ECON.*#
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
BAND	BAND	BAND	BAND

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Parents and Students,

At this time you have requested the following band course(s) for next year: _____ and _____. Please sign below to change your schedule to band both semesters in high school. Be very careful that you sign up for the appropriate classes.

Brass/Wood/Wind Players

_____ Band 1

_____ Band 3

Percussion/Guard

_____ Band 1

_____ Band 3

By signing below I authorize the change of my schedule to reflect the following band courses.

Parent Signature _____ *Date* _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Spring 2014

May 19	M	Percussion Auditions	3:30-6:00 Orchestra Room
May 20	T	Percussion Auditions	3:30-6:00 Orchestra Room
May 21	W	Percussion Auditions	3:30-6:00 Orchestra Room
May 22	Th	Percussion Auditions	3:30-6:00 Orchestra Room
May 23	F	Percussion Auditions (Final)	3:30-until Orchestra Room
<i>May 27</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>Spring Band Camp All Students</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm Band Room</i>
		<i>(Attendance is required of all students in band next year.</i>	
		<i>Failure to attend will result in an alternate position status.)</i>	
		<i>Guard Rehearsal</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm</i>
			<i>Auditorium/Outside</i>
<i>May 28</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Spring Band Camp All Students</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm Band Room</i>
		<i>Guard Rehearsal</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm</i>
			<i>Auditorium/Outside</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Th</i>	<i>Spring Band Camp All Students</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm Band Room</i>
		<i>Guard Rehearsal</i>	<i>4:00pm-6:00pm</i>
			<i>Auditorium/Outside</i>
		<i>Required Parent/Student Meeting</i>	<i>6:30pm-8:30pm</i>
		<i>All rising 8-12 grade members must attend</i>	
		<i>Show and Tell-Performance</i>	
		Awards Banquet (Pot Luck Dinner)	6:30PM (SJHS Cafeteria)