

**St. Vincent de Paul
and
Totino-Grace Fine Arts Academy**

Band & Orchestra 2017 - 2018

This letter is to inform you about the option of band and orchestra at St. Vincent's for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Who is band and orchestra open to?

Anyone and everyone in the 2017 - 2018 4th - 8th grade for band and 3rd-8th grade for orchestra!

Can anyone in these grades participate in band and orchestra? Yes!!

What is needed to be in band and orchestra? *The only thing your child will need is the actual instrument. All books, practice materials, and music will be provided.*

What is the cost of the band and orchestra program? *The program is \$56.25 / month (October - May, 8 payments in total), plus \$50 initial payment at enrollment. This includes: weekly small group or individual lessons, the large ensemble, lesson books, all performance music, the ability to participate in combined groups with other Catholic schools, such as jazz ensembles, grade level concert bands, solo competitions, and other opportunities.*

Who are the directors of the program? *The staff of the fine arts academy are area professionals and directors, hired through or current staff of Totino-Grace High School.*

When does the band and orchestra meet? *The lessons and full group rehearsals are during the day on Wednesday for band. Orchestra day is currently TBD. The first day for both groups will be the week of September 11th, 2017.*

How do I sign up? *New this year, we are using online registration. Follow this link to sign up for band: <https://www.totinograce.org/2017-18-tgfaa-registration>*

For new students to band and orchestra:

I already have an instrument - can my child play that? *Yes! However, you may want to bring it to a music store's repair shop to have it tested and possibly cleaned.*

I need an instrument - where do I go? *The most common way to get an instrument is through a music store's "Trial Plan" or "Rent-to-Own" plan. You can get an instrument with monthly payments that go towards the purchase of an instrument. We work closely with Eckroth Music (www.eckroth.com), or contact a music retailer of your choice for more information.*

I have questions - who do I contact? *Anyone interested in band and orchestra next year, we can get you signed up now. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hoffman at tim.hoffman@totinograce.org.*

