6 easy questions…

- Would you like to help your child be smarter, have a sharper memory and develop the abstract reasoning skills he or she needs for advanced math and science?

- Do you want your child to have strong social skills, make friendships, work within a team and lead with confidence?

- Do you want your child to have less stress and more patience?

- Do you want to boost her self-esteem, and help him gain a sense of pride and accomplishment?

- Would you like your son or daughter to have better time management skills and be more creative?

- Do you want your child to have fun?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, read on, and

sign your child up for BAND!

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with questions

WALTHER GRADE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Students in grades 4 – 8 can JOIN THE BAND!

ALL BAND STUDENTS RECEIVE

- Weekly private 15-minute lessons during the school day at your child's school. Our teachers work diligently to schedule in conjunction with the classroom teacher.
- Partnership with students from 17 parochial schools in large group rehearsals, concerts, and festivals throughout Chicagoland and at Walther.
- The chance to participate in one of the three levels of Walther's popular **Monday Night Band** program.
- Training from professionally trained, advanced degree instructors.
- Assistance and resources from an outstanding high school music program.
- Motivation and FUN!

Flute

Oboe

Saxophone

Clarinet

Percussion

Trumpet

Trombone

French horn

Baritone/Tuba

BEGINNER STUDENTS RECEIVE

- A four-week **Beginner Class** in which students try each of the band instruments before deciding what instrument to play and learn basic music theory.
- **Beginner Family Orientation (9/18-9/19)**
- An instrument to use, free of charge, for the first year (See back for details on instruments)
- Group band rehearsals in Walther's **Monday Night Beginner Band** (optional)

(There is no obligation to continue after the four-week class)

OTHER ADVANTAGES

- Musical
  - Learning advanced middle school and high school repertoire through the Monday Night Wind Bands
  - Receiving further motivation and training in technique at Walther's Biennial Instrumental Music Festival
- Social
  - Working together in large group rehearsals at school
  - Strengthening team-building and leadership skills through activities with students from other participating schools
- Academic
  - Learning to play an instrument and read music can assist in the development of reading, math, and fine-motor skills.
  - Students who participate actively in the band program can develop better time-management and personal responsibility

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WALTHER GRADE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Tuition, Instruments, and Attendance Policies

Tuition is charged per semester (two semesters per school year) and includes 14 lessons per semester and all ensembles and rehearsals in which students can participate.

- **Tuition is $380/semester**. This cost does not include books, the instrument or materials for instrument care, such as reeds, cleaning cloths, or valve oil.
- **Beginner families in their first semester:** Pay $100 for the first four weeks. Once your child has chosen an instrument to continue with lessons, your child will be enrolled for the remaining 10 weeks of the semester, and the remaining $280 balance will be charged.
- **Register with Enrollsy!** Enter your information and when prompted to choose either "Beginner Band" and 4-week Beginner Trial" for new students, or "Band" and "14-Week Private Lessons" for returning students. (Note: There is a service charge if paying with a credit card) https://app.enrollsy.com/enroll/walther-christian-academy

Instruments and accessories

- **Beginners can use an instrument from the Walther Instrument Bank free of charge for the first year** of instruction (instrument care accessories not included).
- After the first year, students are encouraged to rent an instrument from a reputable music store. Walther teachers work closely with **Luscombe Music** in Elmhurst and highly recommend this store. We can assist you with transporting the instrument to and from the store after you rent and for any maintenance.
- In some cases, students may continue to use a Walther instrument after the first year, especially for larger instruments such as French horn, baritone, or tuba students, as there is a very high cost associated with renting and purchasing those instruments. A $60 maintenance fee will be charged annually for use of this instrument.
- Necessary **instrument care accessories** are listed in our "Band Handbook" for each instrument. **Every student also needs a music stand at home.** Luscombe Music in Elmhurst has a list of all of our required accessories and the recommended brands. If you call them at **(630) 833-7381**, ask for the "Walther accessory kit" for your instrument or whatever accessory you need, pay over the phone, and we will pick up and deliver to your student.

Attendance Policy

- Lessons will fall on the same day each week at your child's school, except in special circumstances.
- Lesson times will be worked out with your student's classroom.
- Attendance and preparedness at each lesson is expected and is necessary to student development.
- Make-up lessons will occur at the end of each semester.
    - Make-up lessons for student absences or missing instrument or materials on their lesson days cannot be guaranteed.
    - Teacher absences for any reason will be made up at the end of the semester.

Exiting Policy

- Students may discontinue lessons at the conclusion of any semester; contact your instructor for an Exit Form.
- If you decide to leave in the middle of a semester, you will still be billed for the entire cost of the semester.