



2018-2019 Instrumental Music Program

Dear ASCA Families:

I am excited to begin my second year at ASCA and even more excited to be teaching the Band and Orchestra programs. It's going to be wonderful to see our experienced students and meet our new band/orchestra members.

Our Instrumental Music Program is open to all students in grades 3-8. Lessons include weekly ensemble rehearsals and pull-out group lessons at a fee of \$50.00 per month from October through June. Pull-Out lessons are given during the school day and are set on a rotating schedule to ensure your child will not miss the same class two weeks in a row. ***It is the responsibility of the student to check with their classroom/subject area teacher before coming to their lesson and to make-up all missed work. If for any reason their teacher needs them to stay in class they are to stay and we will schedule a make-up lesson.***

Students who choose to join band/orchestra are making a commitment to themselves, their fellow ensemble members, and to me to be on time, prepared, and ready to work during each and every rehearsal. Rehearsal time is limited and every minute counts. In addition to attending weekly rehearsals and lessons, students are required to practice outside of school for at least 20 minutes 5 days a week.

Lessons will begin the 1st week of October with group lessons for all students (experienced and beginner). Ensemble rehearsal students will need to **arrive at school by 7:50 am**, enter through the Rosemont Street entrance and go directly to the music room. Beginning students will start ensemble rehearsals in January.

Ensemble lessons for experienced students will be on the following schedule:

Band: **Wednesday 8:00-8:30 am** Orchestra: **Friday 8:00-8:30 am**

John Keal Music held an instrument "petting zoo" at All Saints today for the students. They will be available at our Back to School night tomorrow evening (9/20/18). John Keal will be available beginning at 5:30PM to answer any questions you may have. Families needing to rent an instrument will be able to rent directly through John Keal Music.

Band and Orchestra will perform two formal concerts (Christmas & Spring) play for school Mass as well as other informal events.

**Save The Dates: 12/13/18 - Christmas Concert @ 6:30 pm
5/6/19 - Spring Concert @ 6:30 pm**

If your child would like to enroll your child in the Instrumental Music Program please fill out the Band & Orchestra Contract & Registration form and **return it to me by Friday 9/28**. Students who wish to join but are unsure if they will be able to attend every rehearsal can discuss their situation with me and we will work together to find a solution. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, broorda@ascaalbany.org. I am looking forward to a great year of making music together!

Thank you!

Mrs. Roorda



Band & Orchestra Contract & Registration 2018-2019

I, _____, would like to participate in band or orchestra this 2018-2019 school year. I understand that I will be expected to be on time and attend rehearsals, lessons, concerts, and will do my very best at every rehearsal.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade _____ Instrument _____

Returning Student: YES NO

I understand that ASCA Band and Orchestra are a full year commitment. I agree to pay \$50 per month for the entire 2018-2019 school year (October-June) for lessons.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

(This is the email I will send reminders & updates throughout the school year.)

Please list any concerns that I should be aware of with your child:

Payment Plan

____ Pay in full (**\$450.00**) to school office by October 20, 2018

____ Monthly payments (**\$50.00 October thru June**) due by the 20th of each month billed through my FACTS account.