

Join the Parochial Band!

Open to 5th-8th grade students, the Bellarmine Parochial Band provides students the opportunity to further their musical education in a wind band setting. No prior experience necessary! Learn to read music and play a wind instrument or percussion. Affordable tuition.

Cost: \$25 per month per student. Tuition assistance is available by contacting Mr. Whitson. Additionally, families need to provide their own band book (~\$10) and instrument (~\$20~\$60 per month depending on the instrument). Supplies list available by scanning the provided QR code at the bottom of this document.

Schedule: Rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday in Allen Hall at Bellarmine Preparatory School. Beginning Band meets 4:00 to 4:50. Advanced Band (for students with at least one year experience on their instrument) meets 5:00 to 5:50. Rehearsals begin October 1st. We recognize that scheduling is potentially one of the biggest challenges to joining this program. We are very flexible with seasonal, partial, or occasional rehearsal conflicts (contact Mr. Whitson to discuss). But a full-year commitment is expected for students who register for the program.

Parent Info and Instrument Trial Night is on September 17th at 4 PM in Allen Hall at Bellarmine Prep. We will answer questions and cover the structure of the program in a brief informational meeting for parents. There will then be an opportunity for your child to try out instruments before they decide what they want to play. Ted Brown Music will be on site running the trial and providing rental contracts to interested families. A recording of the parent info portion will be available after the meeting for those that can not attend. Reach out to Mr. Whitson if you want this recording sent to you! For those attending in person, here is a [campus map of Bellarmine with Allen Hall marked](#).

Ready to register? QR Codes for registration and equipment purchase are available at the bottom of this document.

Questions? Can't make the Parent Info meeting and want a recording afterwards? Contact program director Casey Whitson at whitsonc@bellarmineprep.org.

QR Codes

The first code (the dinosaur) will take you to Bellarmine's FACTS portal once you are ready to register for Band. The second code (the TBM tuba logo) will take you to Ted Brown Music's Parochial Band portal where you can rent instruments and order the supplies needed for Band (select "Bellarmine Preparatory School" as your school). This information will be available in-person along with instrument testing at the September 17th meeting!

