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: $30 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-~$80 per month depending on the instrument). Supplies list available at Ted Brown Music's rental page (link below).

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 September 22nd. 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 for budgetary and pedagogical reasons, a **full-year commitment** is required for students who register for the program.

2026-2027 Program begins September 22nd and runs through May.

Choosing an instrument: Students can join Beginning Band in 5th-8th grade, but current 5th graders underwent instrument testing in the Spring of 26' with Ted Brown Music at their school. Instruments available to first year students are listed on Ted Brown's rental page (linked below). For further help selecting an instrument or to explore assistance in procuring an instrument for your child to play, contact Mr. Whitson (email link below).

Ready to register? Do so in two easy steps. If you need material or other assistance with steps 1 or 2, email Mr. Whitson!

1. Register for the class through Bellarmine's FACTS page for Parochial Band.
2. Procure your supplies and/or see the required supplies list for your instrument at Ted Brown Music - School Supply Page. You do not have to purchase supplies through Ted Brown if you'd prefer to source elsewhere.

Questions? Contact program director Casey Whitson at whitsonc@bellarmineprep.org.