

St. Pius X Marching Band Class Syllabus 2008-09

Mr. Chad Paetznick – Band Director

The purposes of the St. Pius X band program are as follows:

- to help develop an aesthetic appreciation through the study and performance of musical literature.
- to aid in the development of individual responsibility and self-discipline.
- to further develop and enhance motor and cognitive skills
- to further school spirit.
- to represent the school and community in a positive manner.

Course Description

Marching Band students will be engaged in a variety of music performances. Students are mainly responsible for learning all music and marching drill moves for the halftime contest show, and all pep song material. Halftime show music must be memorized. Students will have graded music work checks to test for memorization. **Home games, contests, and after-school rehearsals are required and are part of each student's weekly grade evaluation.**

Other material to be covered includes, but is not limited to..

- Major Scales / Key Signatures
- Time Signatures
- Rhythm Studies
- Articulation
- Dynamics
- Basic Music Theory

Required Materials

Instrument, music, folder, flip-folder, pencil, cleaning cloth, accessories (sticks, mallets, reeds, valve oil, neckstraps, etc)

Grading

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

Weekly Participation (Rehearsals, prepared for class, amount of practice, attendance, behavior, and attitude)	30%
Performances (events, festival, concerts)	40%
Music Work checks (quizzes on scales, selected excerpts, memorization)	20%
Written and homework	10%

The following grading scale will be used:

90 – 108	=	A
80 – 89	=	B
74 – 79	=	C
70 – 73	=	D
Below 70	=	F
Incomplete	=	I

Rules and Regulations

1. **Golden Rule: Treat others (teacher and students) as you would expect to be treated.**
2. **Gum, food, or drinks are not allowed in the band room. Do not chew or eat anything during any class or rehearsal. There may be exceptions for certain events.**
3. **I-pods, MP3 players, CD Players, video games are not to be out in any class or any rehearsal.**
4. **Enter the room with manners. Get out instruments and music and be ready to start. Do not play random notes or music out of turn.**
5. **Please do not ask to use the restroom except in the case of an emergency.**
6. **When class or rehearsal has started, immediately cease talking and/or warming up. Remain quiet throughout the rest of the rehearsal.**
7. **If you have a question or comment, raise your hand and wait to be recognized before speaking. Do not disrupt the director during rehearsals.**
8. **Always remember to make music (articulation, style, dynamics) and not just play notes.**
9. **Put instruments and music away and straighten up your area at the end of class or rehearsal. This includes trash, chairs, stands, etc.**
10. **Do not write on or deface any school property (music stands, instruments, lockers)**
11. **Practice at home. This is part of your required participation in band.**
12. **Do not miss required performance events or rehearsals.**

Rehearsals and Performances:

The following rehearsals and performances are required unless otherwise directed by Mr. Paetznick. Make sure that these dates are on your calendar. **Absences will result in the lowering of grades.** Anyone who has a conflict with a required rehearsal or performance must speak to Mr. Paetznick about the conflict in advance. This may not necessarily excuse you from the event.

Parents, please do your best to **pick up your child in a timely manner after each rehearsal or event.**

2007-08 Marching Band Schedule (required)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesdays	3:30pm to 5:30pm	Rehearsals	St. Pius X
Wednesdays	6pm to 8:30pm	Rehearsals	St. Pius X
Thursdays	3:30pm to 5:30pm	Rehearsals	St. Pius X
Saturday August 16 th	5:30pm to 6:30pm	Camp Lion Leader	St. Pius X
Monday August 25 th	3:30pm to 5:30pm	Added Rehearsal for 1 st game	St. Pius X
Friday, August 29 th	Report time 4pm	Home Game vs. Marist	St. Pius X
Fri, Sept. 5 th	Report time 3pm	Away Game vs. G.A.C.	G.A.C.
Friday September 26 th	3:30pm to 5pm	After School Show Run-thrus	St. Pius X
Saturday September 27 th	Report time 10am	Marching Band Contest	Gainesville, GA
Friday, October 3 rd (homecoming)	Report time 4pm	Home Game vs. N. Atlanta	St. Pius X
Saturday, October 4 th	Report time 11am	Marching Band Contest	S. Gwinnett HS
*Thurs., Oct 16 th – Sunday Oct 19 th	Depart 10am 10/16	Orlando Trip to Perform	Orlando, FL
Monday October 20 th	3:30pm to 5:30pm	Added Rehearsal for contest	St. Pius X
Fri., Oct. 24 th (parochial schools nt)	Report time 4pm	Home Game vs. Grady	St. Pius X
Saturday, October 25 th	Report time 12pm	Marching Band Contest	Collins Hill HS
Friday, Oct 31 st (Halloween/Sr. Nt.)	Report time 4pm	Home Game vs. Riverwood	St. Pius X
Sunday Nov. 2 nd	12pm-2pm	Open House Performance	St. Pius X
Friday, Nov 7 th	Report time 4pm	Home Game TBA	St. Pius X
Friday, November 14 th	Report time TBA	Playoffs Start!	TBA
Friday, November 23 rd ?	Report time TBA	Playoffs Continue each wk	TBA

***Marching Band Trip to Orlando**

Thursday Oct 16 th – Sunday Oct 19 th	Depart 10/16, 10am Return 10/19, 8pm	Parade Performance and Band Clinics	St. Pius X
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*For the trip to be a success, we need all members to attend and participate. Please contact Mr. Paetznick if you have a question or concern about the trip.

2007-08 Symphonic and Concert Band Season Schedule (required)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 1st & 2nd	After school	Rehearsals for Christmas Concert	St. Pius X
December 3 rd	7pm	Christmas Concert	St. Pius X
March 30 th , March 31st, April 1st	After school	Rehearsals for Spring Concert	St. Pius X
April 2nd	7pm	Spring Concert	St. Pius X
Monday, April 27th	6:30 p.m.	Fine Arts banquet & awards	St. Pius X

Optional Events (open to all members)

Date	Time	Event	Location
December - February	5:45pm-9pm	*Basketball Band Performances	St. Pius X
March	Afternoons, Evenings	Spring Musical Rehearsals & Performances	St. Pius X

***Basketball Band** – Basketball band is a volunteer group open to any band member who is enrolled in band. The group performs at several home varsity games at St. Pius. Members must learn all pep songs in order to be eligible for the group. Students who participate in at least 3 full games (boys & girls) will receive a special basketball band patch for their SPX Jacket.

Symphonic Band Attire at Performances (Christmas & Spring Concerts):

Guys:

Tux shirt & Pants (will be ordered for you, \$40)
Jacket & Tux Accessories (Provided)
Black Socks, Black Tux Shoes (you are responsible for)

Girls:

Concert Dress (will be ordered for you, \$50)
Black hose, black dress shoes (you are responsible for)
Uniform necklace (Provided)

Anyone not in the proper uniform will not be allowed to perform with the band, and will receive a lowered grade for that performance. All students must stay for the duration of each performance.

*All band members may also purchase a green "performance day" polo shirt (\$20) to be worn at certain events, at school on the day of certain events, and before certain performances.

Director's Office

The director's office is off limits to students except for official business. Students must get permission to use the phone. Students may not use the director's computer.

Music

Students will be responsible for keeping track of their own parts. Students may be charged .25 for each page of Xeroxed music lost. Students will be charged appropriate replacement costs for each page of **original** music lost. Some publishers will not sell individual parts; therefore, you may be buying a whole new set of music!

Instruments

All band members are expected to keep their instruments, whether school-owned or privately-owned, clean and in working order. Periodically, Mr. Paetznick will give grades on condition of instruments. Students using school-owned instruments will be responsible for repairing any damage that they have caused. Students must also keep their instrument in one of the lockers in the band-room (when not at home) with a lock on it. **The combination for the lock (or extra key) must be given to Mr. Paetznick in case emergency access is needed.**

Private Lessons

Each band member should strive to be the best player he or she can be. The fastest and best way to improve individual playing skills is to take private lessons. See Mr. Paetznick for a list of private teachers in the area. Mr. Paetznick will also be available on a few select days before and after school for help.

Sign both forms and return to Mr. Paetznick during the first week of school

Marching Band

I have read the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook, and I agree to abide by these rules. I understand that certain events are required and are graded accordingly.

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Date

Sign-out Release Form for Away Band Events

I _____ (Parent / Legal Guardian) give permission and full legal responsibility to the persons listed below to pick up my child _____ after any band event which is held on or off campus. Once my child is picked up by this person at an event, my child is considered released from St. Pius X, and I agree not to hold St. Pius X Catholic High School, or any of its staff, legally accountable for my child.

Names of persons approved to pick up your child (other than parents or legal guardians)

Name	Relationship to child
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Date