

St Pius X Band Letter and Award System 07-08

This lettering system promotes rewards to students who are truly dedicated to the band program, and helps to maintain the overall integrity of the band program.

To be eligible for the below awards by year, student must:

- A) Have upstanding attendance at all rehearsals throughout each year
- B) Not have been absent from a major required performance date
- C) Must be in good academic standing
- D) Must be in good disciplinary standing
- E) Have no outstanding band fees past due
- F) Must have been signed up for a band class during the current school year
- G) Must be signed up for band the following school year

Any student who does not follow the above, may not be eligible to letter or receive awards, based on the discretion of the director.

Letters and earned awards will be presented at the annual arts awards banquet held in April.

<u>Courses Taken (1st Sem. / 2nd Sem.)</u>	9th Grade award	10th Grade award	11th Grade award	12th Grade award
Marching Band / Symphonic Band	Certificate	Certificate *w/ Letter	Certificate *w/ Pin	Honor Plaque (4 yrs) (4 yrs of band membership)
Concert Band / Concert Band	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate *w/ Letter, Pin	Honor Plaque (4 yrs) (4 yrs of band membership)

* Letters are given to marching band members who sign up for (and complete) their second consecutive year of marching band and symphonic band. Concert Band only members receive their letter during the third year of membership.

* Pins are now only given to members who are active in band for at least three years

Special Awards:

Basketball Band Patch – Awarded when student participates in three or more full home game sessions (boys and girls) during the basketball season.

Rookie Award – Most outstanding new member of the band, voted on by band classes

Most Improved Winds – Most improved brass or woodwind player, voted on by band classes

Most Improved Percussion – Most improved percussion player, voted on by band classes

Leadership Award – Band member who is admired most by other band students as a leader, helps other members, and whose talent and efforts in band have helped the band be successful.

Most Outstanding Performer– Overall best performer on any instrument, voted by band classes

Director's Award for Band – Outstanding band member who is disciplined, dependable, humble, mature, helpful, and has shown a high level of dedication to the band by having a strong focus on regimented self-practice on their instrument.

John Philip Sousa Award – The top honors for best all-around band member who represents the band program to the highest degree, and through exemplary membership, has ultimately helped the band director guide the band to achieve its goals.