

Frequently Asked St Pius X Band Questions..

When are auditions to be in the band program? Are there 'cuts' after the auditions?

Auditions are normally the first week in May. All new members must audition, but the audition is very informal. We do not 'cut' any student from our program. There is a place for everyone in our band program!!

With such an academic workload at St Pius X, how can I make room to take band?

There is plenty of time to pursue excellence in academics and be in band at the same time. Most band students simply delay taking P.E. until their Junior or Senior year. Sometimes this can help to make room to allow a student to stay in band all four years. In general, your child is going to have some decisions to make as to what elective is the most important to them. It is tough to take more than one elective per semester (normally until senior year).

Can I participate in band and still do athletics?

YES! It depends on which sport you are active in as to which band you should enroll in. Fall sports athletes cannot participate in Marching Band, but can participate in Concert Band year round. If you do not participate in Fall sports, you can do Marching Band and also Symphonic Band!

Can I receive a Varsity Letter for participating in Band?

YES! If you participate in Marching Band for one year, when you sign up for your second year, you automatically will receive your letter at the Arts Awards banquet held in April. If you participate in Concert Band, you will receive your letter during the end of your second year in Concert Band as long as you enroll for the course for your third year during February registration.

What kind of camps, rehearsals are required for Marching Band?

For percussionists and flagline members there is a camp the second full week of July that is required. For all members there is a main band camp which is normally the third full week in July. After camp, there are several post-camp rehearsals that are required. Once school starts, there are required after-school rehearsals three days a week.

Does the band do fun things like go on trips?

Yes. Every other year the band goes on a trip. Normally it is the marching band, which is very involved in promoting our school across the region.