

St Pius X Band - Varsity Letter and Award System

This lettering system rewards 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 rehearsals throughout each year
- B) Not have been absent from a major required performance date
- C) Be in good academic standing
- D) Be in good disciplinary standing
- E) Have no outstanding band fees past due (after a reasonable amount of time has passed)
- F) Have been signed up for band class during the current school year
- G) Be signed up for band the following school year (if not currently a senior)
- H) Be signed up for band 1st and 2nd semester (unless taking PE)

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 *w/ Letter	Certificate *Band Pin	Certificate **w/ 3 yr pin	Honor Plaque (4 yrs) (4 yrs of band membership)
Concert Band / Concert Band	Certificate	Certificate *w/ Letter & Band Pin	Certificate **w/ 3 yr pin	Honor Plaque (4 yrs) (4 yrs of band membership)

* Varsity letters are given to marching band and symphonic band members who have signed up for their second consecutive year of marching band and symphonic band. Band Pins are distributed to second year members. Concert Band members will receive their varsity letter and band pin at the Spring Arts banquet during their 10th grade year if they have been in band for two years and have already signed up for their third year to follow. Letters can and will be revoked if a student does not follow through with band course commitment or drops band class.

** Special '3 year ' pins are given to members who have been in band for three years and have signed up for their fourth.

Letter Jacket - Ordering Policy

Parents may order their student's letter jacket **after** registration for band for the following school year has been completed (February) and meets the above lettering criteria. Jackets may not be ordered early (Christmas, etc).

Band Awards:

Basketball Band Patch – Awarded when student participates at **four 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. Voted on by band classes

Most Outstanding Winds Performer– Overall best performer on Woodwind or Brass, voted on by band classes

Most Outstanding Percussion Performer– Overall best performer on percussion, voted on 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 through strong musical performance in class and in concert.

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