

Join the St. Pius X Catholic High School 2018-19 Youth Honor Band!

What is it?

SPX Youth Honor Band is a special collective group of young band musicians who come together once a week to read new music and perform from January to April. Students are welcome from all area feeder middle schools. The group is led by St Pius X Catholic High School band director Chad Paetznick and assistant director Ian Labreck.

Why should my child join?

This is an excellent way for your student musician to be engaged extra hours in band and improve musicianship. Many middle school bands only meet once or twice a week. This gives those students an opportunity to get more hours and be further engaged in band performance. Members will also have a chance to meet new friends who are band students from different schools, and gain exposure to the St. Pius X Catholic High School community.

Who can join?

Any 6th through 8th grader who has had two years or more of band instruction (including the present school year). Student must also be currently enrolled in a band class at their current school, or taking weekly private lessons on a band instrument. Members for 2018-19 must be future applicants to St Pius X Catholic High School (among other high schools if applicable) for the 2019-20 school year or beyond. If you are new this year and are not planning to apply to attend St Pius X Catholic High School in the future, membership may or may not be granted, depending on space availability.

When and where is it held?

Wednesday afternoons, January through Early April at the St. Pius X Catholic High School band room. Drop-off at 3:45 pm, Rehearsal from 4pm to 5pm.

You must be able to attend all or most rehearsals since it is only once a week.

How much does it cost?

There is a \$25 music fee per student to join the group. This is to purchase new music for the group to read and perform. Checks should be made out to "St Pius X Band" and are due at the first rehearsal. There may also be a t-shirt fee for your student. Shirts will be ordered in February and cost will be determined at that time. If you are a St Pius parent currently, you will be billed through FACTS.

Will the group perform in concert?

Yes, the group will perform at the St. Pius X Spring Band Concert on Thursday March 28th, 2018 at 7pm.

How do I join?

1. Send an official email stating your child's intentions to join. Please include child's name, instrument, grade, and current school attending.
2. Fill out this form, scan and email it to cpaetznick@spx.org, or fax it to 404-633-8387 or
mail w/ check to: **SPX Youth Honor Band, c/o Chad Paetznick**

2674 Johnson Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. Please

mail your \$25 music fee check (payable to St Pius X Band) or bring it to the first rehearsal.

Is there an audition?

There is no formal audition, but your band director or private instructor must sign the attached information form as a reference. If your child does not have a director or instructor, please indicate on the registration form. **Note: This is not a 'beginning band' group. Students must be proficient on their instrument to join, and be recommended by your band director, music teacher, or private lessons instructor.** If Mr. Labreck is your band director, he will confirm your eligibility.

How do I get there?

You are responsible for your own transportation from your school to St. Pius and home each week. Parents are encouraged to carpool if several students are attending from the same school or neighborhood. Parking may be difficult so drop students off at 3:45pm for the rehearsals and pick them up at 5pm.

St. Pius X Youth Honor Band 2019

Tentative rehearsal and performance schedule

*All rehearsals and concert take place at
St. Pius X Catholic High School
2674 Johnson Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345*

Rehearsal Car Drop-off time – 3:45pm / Band Rehearsal time – 4pm to 5pm

January (Wednesdays):

1/9 – 4pm to 5pm (Payment due \$25)

1/16 - “

1/23 - “

1/30 – “

February (Wednesdays):

2/6 - 4pm to 5pm

2/13 - “

2/20 - “

2/27 – “

March (Wednesdays):

3/6 – 4pm to 5pm

3/13 – “

3/20 – “

3/27 – *Wednesday, 3:30pm – 5pm, Final Rehearsal for Concert!

3/28 – *Thursday, Concert Performance at St. Pius X.

(Concert Attire TBA) Students report at 6pm. Performance at 7pm. Reception following concert.

*Attendance at rehearsals and the concert is mandatory. However, if needed, members may be excused from 1 rehearsal as long as the director is notified by parents in advance.

Excessive absences may result in dismissal from the group without refund.

***Absence from the 2 final concert rehearsals or concert event is not allowed.**

Also, please make sure your child's spring middle school band concert does not conflict with the Pius concert date!

Any questions? Contact Mr. Paetznick at cpaetznick@spx.org or Mr Labreck at ilabreck@spx.org

Fill out and Fax this form to: 404-633-8387
Or mail to: SPX Youth Honor Band
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If mailing, be sure to include \$25 music fee payment (payable to SPX Band) or will be billed through FACTS if you have a child who currently attends St Pius. You may also bring payment to the first rehearsal.

St. Pius X Catholic High School
2018-19 Youth Honor Band Registration Form

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Instrument: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Years of band experience (include current yr): _____

Years in SPX Honor Band (include current yr): _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Will your child be applying to St Pius for 9th grade? Yes / No (circle one)

Health Issues (if any): _____

Parent Names: _____ / _____

Parent Cell Numbers: _____ / _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

*Band Director / Private Lessons Instructor signature:

* You must be enrolled in band at your current school or taking private weekly lessons on a band instrument to be in the St Pius X Youth Honor Band. Special situations can be approved by Mr Paetznick or Mr Labreck. If your school does not have a band program, please contact Mr Paetznick or Mr Labreck.