

Band Letter/Awards

All students in grades 7-12 may earn points towards a varsity letter. Students can only earn points for the current school year. Points can only be counted for one award at a time and for only one letter at a time. The Band Student Board has voted and accepted the Varsity lettering opportunities as described below. Students may also be eligible to receive special recognition awards as described below.

Recognition Awards (Please note eligible grade levels)

- ◆ **Participation Award (7-12)** – This award is for all students who successfully complete each year.
- ◆ **Band Pin (7-12)** – This award is for all students who successfully complete two full years.
- ◆ **Band Patch (7-12)** – This award is for all students who successfully complete three full years.
- ◆ **Instrument Pin (7-12)** - This award is for all students who successfully complete four full years
- ◆ **Medal (7-12)** - This award is for all students who successfully complete five full years
- ◆ **Trophy (7-12)** - This award is for all students who successfully complete six full years
- ◆ **Senior Plaque - 12th Grade Only** This award is a plaque to recognize the dedication, contribution, and leadership our seniors have shown to the Hill-Murray Band Program.
- ◆ **Solo/Ensemble Awards (9-12)** - These awards are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. Excellent Rating -Certificate, Superior Rating – Certificate and Medal.
- ◆ **Director's Award 8th Grade Only** – This award honors the most outstanding member of the Middle School Band.
- ◆ **John Philip Sousa Band Award 12th Grade Only**– This award is presented to a student for their loyalty, cooperation, and for displaying the high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires.
- ◆ **Louis Armstrong Award** – This award is presented to the top and most dedicated jazz student.
- ◆ **Robert F. O'Brian Award 12th Grade Only** – This award is a plaque given to a graduating student for outstanding effort and achievement as a Catholic school musician as exemplified by the NCBA founder.
- ◆ **Patrick S. Gillmore Award 12th Grade Only** – This award can be presented to multiple students who demonstrate dedication, contribution, and leadership to their band program
- ◆ **National School Marching Award** – This award is presented to the Drum Major/s for outstanding contribution to the marching band.
- ◆ **Varsity Letter- See Below (All grade levels are eligible)**
- ◆ **Other Merit Awards and Leadership Awards per Band Directors**