

Can students be in band and participate in other activities?

Yes! We currently have students in band *and* football, basketball, hockey, swimming, volleyball, soccer, track, cheerleading, theatre, Peer Ministry, Peer Helping, and more!

When can students audition for band?

All students that register for band are accepted automatically. Only high school students that wish to be in Symphonic Band need to audition.

Can students be in band and choir?

Currently the school schedule does not permit a student to register for both band and choir as a class during the school day. However, both music groups offer cocurricular experiences which may fulfill your student's desire to be in band and choir.

How do I get involved in Jazz Band?

Jazz Band is a co-curricular music ensemble that meets outside the school day. Members of the Jazz Band will be chosen in the fall through the audition process. The definition of a jazz band is typically one on a part with the following standard instrumentation: alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, and drum set. Performances will be scheduled based on attendance and group progress.

How does the Marching Band fit into the Band Class?

The Marching Band is a combination of all band students in grades 9-12. We will perform at the Homecoming football game, an indoor concert and two open house events. Students will receive free admission to games and opportunity to earn points toward a band letter or other awards. Rehearsals will take place during the students regularly scheduled band period. An evening dress rehearsal for the Homecoming half-time show will be required.

What is Pep Band?

The Pep Band is a combination of all band students in grades 9-12. Every student is expected to complete "their fair share." We will perform at some Hill-Murray sporting events and possibly additional events. Pep Band is an important catalyst for school spirit and is one of the more visual aspects of the school image and music program. In Pep Band we play exclusively pop and rock music. Students get free admission to games, an opportunity to earn points toward a band letter, and a chance to perform. It's a great opportunity to make some new friends! Pep Band is a social activity geared towards having fun, enjoying the game, being with friends, and sounding great. Pep Band also builds endurance, technique, and stronger rhythmic skills. During the winter Pep Band season, the Director usually divides the group into an A/B Pep Band. The winter Pep Band schedule will be determined in the late fall or as soon as the coaches forward their dates.