



St. Pius V School Band

St. Pius V Parish School will be offering band classes this year! Our goal is to provide students with more access to music – to allow them an opportunity have fun playing an instrument while developing a strong foundation of musicianship. Study after study has shown that the ability to play a musical instrument has a positive influence on a student’s academic, athletic, social, and personal development. We want to be able to aide in that development. **No prior musical training is necessary to join the band.**

St. Pius V School musicians will be able to choose from the following band instruments:

flute clarinet alto saxophone trumpet trombone percussion/mallets

During the summer, please have students start thinking about what instrument they might like to play. Parents can help by while listening to music with specific instrumental sounds or by checking out the different instruments on the internet. The St. Pius V School Band will perform both on campus and out in our local community throughout the school year. There will be more information about performances forthcoming at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

You will be able to meet our band director, Mr. Tom Mitter, at our school’s **Meet & Greet on Monday, August 20th, from 5:30 – 7:00pm**. He and Mr. Maramba will be jamming in the courtyard, ready to answer questions!

Students (and parents) will be able to look at the instruments more closely and ask questions of Mr. Mitter at a **“Pick Your Instrument” event on Thursday, August 23rd at 12:30pm** (after school) in the hall. Parents are welcome to join their son/daughter but it is not necessary. Mr. Mitter will have each of the instruments available for students to look at and hold.

On Thursday, August 30th, Morey’s Music (a well-respected music store in Long Beach) will send staff members to St. Pius V for a “one stop” instrument rental event to help families procure (rent or purchase) quality instruments and method books. Families may come to the hall from 6:00-7:30pm, select instruments for rent or purchase, and students may take them home that night!

The first St. Pius V Band classes will be on Friday, August 31, and will be held on Fridays throughout the school year in Room 17. By offering music classes on Friday, students will be able to enjoy both music and athletics.

There will be two classes. Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will have class from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.

Students in Junior High (6th, 7th and 8th grades) will have class from 4:35 PM - 5:35 PM.

St. Pius V School Band participation fee for the 2018-19 school year is \$611.00, which includes all classes and performances. For more information, please contact Dr. Bravo at jbravo@stpius5school.net