



COUGAR BANDS
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Hello Potential Families,

Below is a quick reference for some of our most frequently asked questions. I hope you'll find this helpful when considering CCHS for your high school! We offer an array of performance opportunities for students were all backed by an incredibly supportive administration. I hope this answers some of your most immediate questions. In the meantime, if you have any additional questions feel free to contact me. I'll be happy to help.

-Mr. Cook

15 Frequently Asked Questions

Program Questions:

1. Who can join band?
 - Any student with prior training on a musical instrument!
2. Is there an audition to join band?
 - No!
3. What does the student need besides an instrument?
 - A positive attitude, willingness to learn, and willingness to work hard is required! Larger instruments, percussion equipment (besides sticks/mallets) are provided by the school.
4. What are the costs?
 - Like every program, we do have extra costs we have to cover. Our total required fee is \$400, however, because of our fundraising efforts, many families don't have to pay any fee while in the band program.
5. What is the band's fundraiser and is it required?
 - Band students and parents work at a concession booth at the Carolina Panthers games. Depending on the year, students may sell AutoBell Carwash tickets as an additional fundraiser. Many families pay their entire fees (trip included) through these fees. It is a requirement for our program.

Symphonic Band Questions:

1. Does band meet everyday?
 - YES! At Charlotte Catholic, band is a class! The symphonic band class is during G period and the percussion students have a class to themselves during E period.
2. Are there pull-out lessons?
 - NO! Because students receive daily instruction, there is no need for pull-out lessons.
3. How does band affect my GPA?
 - For most band students, band increases their GPA. Band students have a unique opportunity to receive an additional credit through Honors Symphonic Band starting their sophomore year. The Honors Symphonic Band class is a 5 point class. In other words, by sophomore year your student is taking one more honors class than their peers.
4. Does band conflict with any other classes?
 - So far, so good! The band faculty have a great relationship with the Guidance Department to ensure students will never have to decide between two classes.
5. Are there after-school rehearsals?
 - Yes. As with any program, it's hard to fit everything into a 45 minute class. In the Spring semester, the symphonic band might compete, make recordings, or even go on an invitational performance. Typically, starting in January we split up the band and students will have an assigned day they stay after school. For example, woodwinds stay after on Tuesdays and brass on Thursdays.

Marching Band Questions:

1. Is marching band required?
 - Marching band and Symphonic band are co-curricular, meaning students are expected to be in both ensembles. We try to provide a well-rounded student and musician in our program. It's important to learn as many sides to band as possible. It also prepares your for college band scholarship auditions!
2. Can I still do sports?
 - Yes! We have many student athletes in band ranging from football to track to field hockey!
3. How often do we practice?
 - The marching band practices after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from August until October from 3:15 - 5:30pm. After October we don't continue to rehearse after school, but we continue to show our support at all the Football games!
4. Do I have to take P.E. if I participate in Marching Band?
 - No! Students who participate in Marching Band all four years will have their Physical Education credit waived!
5. When is band camp?
 - Band Camp is typically three weeks before school starts and lasts for two weeks. It's a great way for our students to make friends and learn the "lay of the land" before school starts!