

Lasalle Academy Band and Orchestra
Handbook
2017-2018



2017-2018 LaSalle Fine Arts Calendar

Oct. 12	Fall Concert 7/8 Band and Jazz One	7pm	LaSalle
Nov. 11, 12	IBA All Region Honor Band (selected students only)	TBA	LaSalle
Nov. 9	String-A-Long (Orchestra)	7pm	Clay HS
Dec. 4	5th Grade, Concert Band, and Jazz 2 Concert	7pm	LaSalle
Dec. 7	6th Grade, Symphonic Band, and Jazz 1 Concert	7pm	LaSalle
Dec. 14	Choir and Orchestra Winter Concert	7pm	LaSalle
Dec. 21	Choir and Orchestra School Performance		
Jan. 27	ISSMA Solo and Ensemble for Band and Orchestra Students	TBA	Penn HS
Feb. 3	ISSMA Solo and Ensemble for Vocal/Piano Students	TBA	Clay HS
Feb. 15	Jazz Soundsations (Both Jazz Bands)	6:30	Adams HS
Mar. 16, 17	ISSMA Organizational Contest (all 7/8 students)	TBA	Penn HS
Mar. 27	Honors Orchestra Concert	7pm	Debartolo, ND
May 7	5th Grade, Concert Band, and Jazz 2 Concert	7pm	LaSalle
May 10	6th Grade, Symphonic Band, and Jazz 1 Concert	7pm	LaSalle
May 11	Band C Day performance for School		
May 17	Spring Vocal Concert	7pm	LaSalle
May 24	Spring Orchestra Concert	7pm	LaSalle

Foreword

Welcome to the LaSalle Academy Performing Arts Program. This handbook has been prepared to inform you about the band and orchestra program at LaSalle. There may be changes or additions to this information, but most questions can be answered by referring to this handbook.

Philosophy

We are excited to have you as a student in the music program at LaSalle Academy! While we strive to educate our students in the subject of music, it is our philosophy that participation in our music programs will help you to grow as a well rounded individual. In our classes we hope that you will learn responsibility, develop a sense of work ethic, enjoy the role and responsibility of being a valued team member, and hopefully take great satisfaction in being a part of an excellent group. It is our goal to develop lifelong skills that will help you throughout your middle school, high school, college and adult life. We will enjoy learning about music and working together to accomplish these things!

Facilities and Equipment

There are rules and procedures regarding use and maintenance of our facilities. Students are responsible for their actions.

1. Each student has an assigned seat. Students are responsible for keeping the area around them clean.
2. Students are only allowed to play their own instrument. Percussion equipment and keyboard instruments are to be handled only by the director or percussionists.
3. Students are permitted in practice rooms, band office and music storage rooms **ONLY** with prior permission from the music teachers.

Music

Each student will be given a music folder, sheet music and other printed information. It is the responsibility of each student to take care of all materials. Music is to be marked in pencil only. Lost or damaged original copies of music will be replaced by the individual(s) responsible at the rate charged for replacement of sheet music plus shipping.

Instruments

All instruments currently in use are stored in assigned lockers in the hallway (orchestra) or in the Large Instrument Storage Room (Band). LaSalle Academy/SBCSC **IS NOT RESPONSIBLE** for the loss of or damage to instruments while they are in use or stored at school.

There are a limited number of school owned instruments. A rental fee is assessed to those students using school owned instruments. Instruments are rented for \$40 per year. **All fees and contracts need to be returned to your music teacher by MONDAY, AUGUST 28th.** Keep in mind that the instruments will be given out on a first come, first serve basis, so do all you can to get this taken care of before the deadline to ensure an instrument! All students must return a signed rental contract before school owned instruments may be taken home. **Covering the costs of damage to or loss of school owned instruments is the responsibility of the student and parents.** If a school owned instrument is in need of repair and is not due to student misuse, let your music teacher know and it will be repaired as soon as possible.

Supply List for Band

All Band Students will need to have one of the following:

Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 - 5th grade and 6th grade beginning band

Essential Elements 2000 Book 2- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band

Students will also need:

A wire music stand for home practice

5 new reeds (reed instrument players), 2 new reeds for oboe players

Valve/slide oil (brass players)

Cleaning swabs/supplies for your instrument

7th and 8th grade trumpet players need a straight mute.

7th and 8th percussionists will need to have their own stick bag and plain wood snare sticks.

All 5th and 6th grade percussion will need a stick bag, and the snare/bell kit.



Supply List for Orchestra

Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 for 5th and 6th Grades

Essential Elements 2000 Book 2 for 7th and 8th Grades

Also, Rosin, Shoulder Rests for violins and violas, rock stops for cello and bass

A wire music stand for home practice

7th and 8th grade students will need a mute

ALL LASALLE PERFORMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR CONCERT ATTIRE DURING ALL PERFORMANCES

Performance attire will be a white shirt that covers shoulders, black slacks or skirt and dark shoes and socks. This will be required for all performances. If girls choose to wear a skirt, it must be no shorter than 5 inches below their fingertips. The purpose is to look NICE, MODEST and PROFESSIONAL. ABSOLUTELY NO DENIM, even if it is black. Boys are allowed to wear ties if they choose.

Grading Policy

The grade that each student receives in Band and Orchestra is based upon the following factors: Classroom Contribution, Performances, Written and Playing Tests, homework assignments and Practice Records. A brief description of these areas follows.

Classroom Contribution (daily grade) is the daily contribution of each student, which includes their individual preparedness, willingness to follow class rules, and the things they do to contribute to the class in a positive and constructive manner.

Performances are the final goal of students in these performance-based courses and consequently are a required part of the class. It is LaSalle Academy Music Department policy that students who have an unexcused absence for a performance may have their grade lowered by a significant amount. For this reason you can expect that participation in the concert will have a large impact on the student's grade in the class. **Every group member must meet a minimal level of proficiency over the assigned music in order to participate in performances. This goal is easily accomplished through regular practice over the weekly assignments and doing one's best consistently in class. Failure to meet this standard will result in a student being disallowed from a performance. Other relevant work may be assigned for partial credit.** Students are learning to be performers and audience members, which is included in the fine arts standards. This includes being on time, being dressed appropriately and proper conduct throughout the event. If any one of these criteria is not met, a student would not receive full credit for the performance. Students must let the teacher know of any extenuating circumstance preventing them from attending a performance well in advance. If a student is ill, the teacher must be notified prior to the performance via a call to the school or email. If the teacher excuses a student absence, he/she will be given a make-up assignment.

Weekly Practice Assignments are a valuable way to allow students to get credit for the homework required to master their instrument(s)/music. Each week every student will be given a specific practice assignment. This is also posted on the website. All students will be expected to turn in a weekly practice record on the first day of their music class each week with **parent signature**. Parents, we need your help to ensure that your student has practiced the weekly assignments and that YOU are the one signing the form. Demonstration of mastery of the assignment will be assessed using a combination of both practice charts and playing tests.

Written and Playing Tests are a series of graded written or aural assessments. Tests will be given to **ALL** students periodically. They will show the level of mastery of information or specific music the student is responsible to learn. This year, the band program may choose to use an alternate playing test form **IN ADDITION** to hearing playing tests in class. When assigned, students will need to call a specific phone number, say their name and class period, then play their assigned test. This will send a voicemail with their test to Mrs. Walker and Mr. Druyos, who will then grade the test. The phone number is: (574) 404-3210.

LaSalle Academy's Music Curriculum will focus on the Indiana
Department of Education Standards:
<http://ideanet.doe.state.in.us/standards2000-arts.html>



Rehearsal Procedures

All students are expected to be in their seats at the beginning of class. Students are expected to get instruments unpacked, check the board, have music ready, be seated and warm-up individually.

Classroom Rules

Be prepared to participate with instrument, music and pencil.
Participate productively by playing and talking only when asked to.
Play only the instrument which belongs to you.
Respect other people and property.
Remain seated until teacher dismissal.
No gum or candy.

Consequences

1st offense –verbal warning
2nd offense- write sentences/parent contact at teacher’s discretion
3rd offense- detention/parent contact
4th offense- dismissal to office

Parent communication (Band)-

The LaSalle Band will be using both the SBCSC website program AND the “Remind” program to keep you informed of all that is happening in the band program. To get to this site go to www.sbcsc.k12.in.us/lasalle and then click on students. There is a tab that is called LaSalle Band. We will have weekly news as well as audio files, the latest up to date calendar and other fun items. Make sure to bookmark this site and check it weekly.



Please join the LaSalle Band “Remind” group! The band directors will use “Remind” to send you a text or email with important information throughout the school year.

To join “Remind”:

5th Grade: Text @la5thband to the number 81010

6th Grade: Text @la6thband to the number 81010

Concert Band: Text @lasconcert to the number 81010

Symphonic Band: text @lasymphoni to the number 81010

OR

Include your name and cell phone number here. Mr. Druyos and Mrs. Walker will add you to “Remind”:

Parent NAME: _____

Child NAME: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

***Please read, complete, and return to your music teacher
at LaSalle Academy by _____***

We have read the information provided in the LaSalle handbook for the performing arts that each student received the first week of classes. We have also received and read the information regarding home practice and understand that weekly practice is required homework for performing arts classes.

Printed Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Email Address _____