



**Sacred Heart School
and
Totino-Grace Fine Arts Academy**



Totino-Grace

Band and Orchestra 2018 - 2019

This letter is to inform you about the option of band and orchestra (new to Sacred Heart!) at Sacred Heart Catholic school for the 2018-2019 school year!! Who is band and orchestra open to?

Anyone and everyone in the 2018 - 2019 4th - 8th grade for band and 3rd - 8th grade for orchestra!!

Can anyone in these grades participate in band and orchestra? Yes!!

What is needed to be in band or orchestra? *The only thing your child will need is the actual instrument. All books, practice materials, and music will be provided.*

What is the cost of the band and orchestra program? *The program is \$58.75* / month (October - May, 8 payments in total), plus \$55 initial payment at enrollment. This includes: weekly small group or individual lessons, the large ensemble, lesson books, all performance music, the ability to participate in combined groups with other area schools, such as jazz ensembles, grade level ensembles, solo competitions, and other opportunities.*

Who are the directors of the program? *The staff of the fine arts academy are area professionals and directors, hired through or current staff of Totino-Grace Catholic High School.*

When does the band and orchestra meet? *The lessons and full group rehearsals are weekly during and after the school day. The first week will be the week of September 10th, 2018.*

How do I sign up? All of the registration for the program can be done online. Follow this link to sign up for band or orchestra: <https://www.totinograce.org/2018-19-tg-fine-arts-academy-registration>

How to get an instrument for band or orchestra:

I already have an instrument - can my child play that? *Yes! However, you may want to bring it to a music store's repair shop to have it tested and possibly cleaned.*

I need an instrument - where do I go? *The most common way to get an instrument is through a music store's "Trial Plan" or "Rent-to-Own" plan. You can get an instrument with monthly payments that go towards the purchase of an instrument. We work closely with Eckroth Music (www.eckroth.com), who has an option where you can rent the instrument online, they will deliver it to us, and we will bring it right to the school!*

What now? *Anyone interested in band or orchestra for next year, please register for band or orchestra at: <https://www.totinograce.org/2018-19-tg-fine-arts-academy-registration>*

I have questions - who do I contact? *If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hoffman at tim.hoffman@totinograce.org.*