



Kenwood Band

Student and Parent Information 2019–2020

Welcome to the Kenwood Band. We are excited to make music with your child!

Instrument & Music Assignment, Care, Repair, Rental Contract & Return

Your child has been assigned a specific instrument that includes a case number and an instrument number. A music book has also been assigned to your child. It is your and your child's responsibility to ensure the music book and instrument are safe while in your care. Following these tips will keep your music book and instrument in great condition:

- Find a safe place at home to consistently store the music book and instrument. This should be a place that is away from heat sources and in a place where the instrument will not be jarred or knocked over.
- Always store the instrument in its case.
- Do not share the instrument with anyone who does not know how to play it and care for it.

The student forfeits the right to the instrument if the instrument becomes severely damaged or the student stops attending lessons. If your instrument requires minor repair, please bring the instrument to your instructor for assessment.

A signed rental contract must be turned in to the instructor at the first class. A copy of the rental contract can be downloaded and printed here: <https://twintown.com/kenwood>. A copy will also be emailed to you, and a paper copy will be sent home with your child. Please note that your child cannot take the instrument home until the rental contract is signed and returned to the instructor.

At the last class of the session, students are required to turn in their music book and instrument to their instructor. If the instrument or music book is lost, stolen or damaged, the student and parent are responsible for the replacement or repair cost designated by Minneapolis Public Schools.

Payment

Please send a check in the amount of \$380 for the full year, or two payments of \$190 due by 9/24 for Fall/Winter and due by 2/11 for Spring, made out to Twin Town Guitars. Please bring payment to the first day of class and give it to your band teacher. Do not give it to your school music teacher. Note that your child cannot take the instrument home until payment is received.

Class Routine & Student Pick-Up

After school, students go to the multipurpose room for snack time. We respectfully ask that you send snacks that are nut free to avoid any complications that may arise for students with allergies. Instruments are not allowed to be opened or played during snack time. When snack time is finished, we move to our assigned rooms for class. **Pick up time is at 3:30pm in the Kenwood atrium, or we will send students to Minneapolis Kids and Rec Plus as indicated on your registration form.**

Class Calendar

FALL/WINTER TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Trumpets and Clarinets & Saxophones and Percussion & Full Band Rehearsal

Week 1 Sectional - September 24th

Week 2 Sectional - October 1st

Week 3 Sectional - October 8th

NO CLASS October 15th

Week 4 Sectional - October 22nd

Week 5 Full Band - October 29th

Week 6 Full Band - November 5th

Week 7 Full Band - November 12th

Week 8 Full Band - November 19th

FALL/WINTER THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Trombone & Baritone and Flutes & Full Band Rehearsal

Week 1 Sectional - September 26th

Week 2 Sectional - October 3rd

Week 3 Sectional - October 10th

NO CLASS October 17th

Week 4 Sectional - October 24th

Week 5 Full Band - October 31st

Week 6 Full Band - November 7th

Week 7 Full Band - November 14th

Week 8 Full Band - November 21st

SPRING TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Full Band with Sectionals As Needed

Week 1 Full Band - February 11th

NO CLASS - February 18th

Week 2 Full Band - February 25th

Week 3 Full Band - March 3rd

Week 4 Full Band - March 10th

Week 5 Full Band - March 17th

Week 6 Full Band - March 24th

NO CLASS - March 31st

Week 7 Full Band - April 7th

Week 8 Full Band - April 14th

SPRING THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Full Band with Sectionals As Needed

Week 1 Full Band - February 13th

NO CLASS - February 20th

Week 2 Full Band - February 27th

Week 3 Full Band - March 5th

Week 4 Full Band - March 12th

Week 5 Full Band - March 19th

Week 6 Full Band - March 26th

NO CLASS - April 2nd

Week 7 Full Band - April 9th

*Week 8 Full Band - April 16th - *Band Performance

Communication

Band instructors may be reached via email at:

Trumpet & Trombone: Sten Johnson at Sten.Johnson@yahoo.com

Clarinet, Saxophone & Flute: Lucia Sarmiento at luciasarmiento937@gmail.com

Percussion: Stephen Whelan at stephenwhelandrums@gmail.com

Twin Town Guitars Director of Music Education: Carrie Bell at carrie@twintown.com

Classroom Expectations, Practice & Student Support

On band days students should bring their instrument, music book, and a snack. And, during class the students are expected to listen to and follow directions, to only play their instrument when invited to play, to give their best effort, to be respectful of everyone, and to have fun!

As a parent, you can help your child be successful with their instrument and really enjoy band time by establishing a daily practice habit. Find a comfortable and quiet place where your child can consistently focus on their practice. Ask them to show you the proper way to handle, put together, and clean their instrument.

After a few lessons, ask them to play something for you, other family members, neighbors and friends. And, if you played in band, be sure to share your favorite memories, and let them know about the fun that is to come in middle school, high school and college band!