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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LATIN SCHOOL'S BAND, CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

As members of the Latin School, you **MUST** join the Band, or the Chorus or the Orchestra. All 3 groups practice during the school day.

THE LATIN SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra consists of the string instruments; i.e., violin, viola, cello, and string bass.

There is one performing Orchestra called the Praetorian Orchestra for grades 6, 7, and 8. There is also an Instructional Orchestra for grades 6, 7 & 8 for students wishing to learn a stringed instrument. This group does not perform at our concerts. In conjunction with the Band and Chorus, the Orchestra participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts.

The Orchestra department maintains a collection of cellos and basses for use by students while at school, but ALL orchestra members are required to purchase or rent a suitable instrument for practice at home.

Since Orchestra practices during the regular school day, this enables members to join other after school activities and sports teams. Once accepted after auditions, all members of the Orchestra are required to take individual, weekly music lessons which are scheduled on a rotating basis during regular school hours. More information will be provided in the audition letters sent in April.

ALL students in the Orchestra are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Orchestra until the end of the school year.

Students who wish to join the Orchestra program **MUST** audition for the organization. If you are interested, please follow the directions on the online registration page. Students will be notified of further details in April about the auditions. Beginners who simply wish to join the Instructional Orchestra should also register online, but they will not be auditioned in May.

THE LATIN SCHOOL BANDS

The Kellenberg Memorial Band provides interested students with a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular musical activities. There are two bands: the Centurion Band, for less experienced musicians, and Praetorian Band, for the more experienced musicians on the Latin School level from grades 6, 7, and 8.

In conjunction with the Chorus and Orchestra, the Band participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts. All students are also required to attend the NYSSMA Solo Festival. In addition, Band members may also audition for the LS Jazz Band which performs in May.

Instrumentation for the Band does not include any string instruments, guitar, piano, or accordion. The Band Department has a limited number of large instruments available for use. Students who play smaller instruments (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, or oboe) will have to rent or purchase these instruments on their own.

Since the Band practices during the regular school day, this enables members to join other after school activities and sports teams. Students who wish to join the Band program **MUST** audition for the organization; we do not accept beginners. Once accepted after auditions, all members of the Band are required to take individual, weekly music lessons which are scheduled on a rotating basis during regular school hours. More information will be provided in the audition letters sent in April.

ALL students in the Band are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Band until the end of the school year.

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THE LATIN SCHOOL CHORUSES

The Kellenberg Memorial Chorus provides interested students with a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular musical activities. There are three choruses: the Cadet Chorus for grade 6; Tyros Chorus for grade 7; and Squire Chorus for grade 8. All groups perform a variety of sacred and secular music. In addition, students may audition for select extra-curricular choirs.

In conjunction with the Band and Orchestra, the Chorus participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts. Students may choose to participate in New York State School Music Association Solo Evaluation Festivals. Scores from these evaluations are used to qualify students for consideration in All County performing groups.

The Chorus practices during the regular school day. This enables members to join other after school activities and sport teams. In practice, the students learn not only the music sung in concert, but also general techniques of musical vocal production. A number of students belong to their own church and youth choirs.

Accompaniment for the Chorus generally includes piano, but at times will also include drums, guitar, and synthesizer. Talented keyboard players can receive credit for acting as choir accompanists, in addition to their vocal responsibilities.

ALL students in the Chorus are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from the Chorus until the end of the school year, in addition to their vocal responsibilities.

If you are interested in the choosing chorus as your Latin School performing ensemble, please follow the directions on the online registration page at <http://www.kellenberg.org/registration>.

There are NO AUDITIONS for Latin School Chorus.

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