

## The Beginning Band Program

## Zion Lutheran School

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is music, and what a great opportunity for kids to express themselves but through playing an instrument. At Zion Lutheran School, parents and students have made music a priority by virtue of the choral and the band programs as part of its curriculum. I pray your child, along with your input, considers the possibility of learning an instrument.

1. Beginning Band is available to students in grade 4 at a cost of \$105 for the school year payable to the school office.
2. Lessons will be once a week beginning in September
3. Time at home to practice is expected. The only way a child will learn is to spend time on the instrument. **A reasonable expectation is 20 minutes 4 or more times a week.**
4. Obtaining an instrument is the responsibility of the parent. I have limited amount of instrument available for a yearly rental cost of \$60. Rental programs are available at all local music stores. It is recommended that returning students or student using a "borrowed" instrument have their instrument cleaned and serviced at a minimum of once a year. I will have available information from various music stores that handle instrumental rentals.

Approximate costs for rentals range from \$30-\$50 per month with a rent to own program.

**Attached is Melodic Rhythms based out of Belleville. I received information from them and they seem to have a very good reputation. They also offer lessons. (110 N. High St. , Belleville, IL)**

Two other companies I deal with are Swing City in Collinsville and Nottelmann Music in St. Louis.

5. The success of a student on a musical instrument depends upon practice, patience and persistence. The student needs to practice! The parents need patience and persistence in encouragement of the student and providing the proper environment for practice.
6. The beginners in 4<sup>th</sup> grade can look forward to playing for the Spring Band Concert in May. They generally play 3 to 4 band pieces along with the Advanced Band.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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