

St. Francis of Assisi School
Instrumental Program Handbook 2013-2014
Miss Brenna McCabe

Welcome to the St. Francis of Assisi School Instrumental Program!



Why do we need music?

Music is Art!

Music is a form of art and is appreciated by every single person on Earth

Music lets us express ourselves.

Music can be used to convey the emotions we cannot put into words. It lets us escape the present and dive into a world of our own that we create with the music we play or sing.

Music makes us smarter

Studies have shown that students involved in music score higher on tests and are more focused in the classroom.

Music teaches us many different lessons.

Music teaches us to be disciplined, expressive, artistic, different and most of all, to have fun!

Components of the Instrumental program

Students must attend all lessons.

Students must have an instrument in good playing condition.

Music Stores

Airport Music
448 Cayuga Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
634-5649

Alder Creek
2880 Niagara Falls Blvd.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
693-5456

Matt's Music
937 Oliver Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
693-7717



Lessons

Lessons will be held every Wednesday on a rotating schedule. Attached you will see an example of how the lesson schedule works. Students will be broken into small groups based on their instrument and level of playing. It is up to the students to alert their teacher of their lesson and receive missed work. If there is a test, students must stay and take the test and then come to their lesson. If more than one class is missed, please see Miss. McCabe to schedule a make-up lesson.

Cost

Lessons will be **\$60 each month**. Checks will be payable to St. Francis of Assisi School (Please, no cash.) Payments must be sent to the school office. You will receive a receipt after each payment is sent in. Financial assistance is available if eligible. Please contact me at mccabe@stfrancistonawanda.com

Lesson Book:

Students will need to purchase the following method book:

Essential Elements 2000 Level 1

Price: \$9.00

You may purchase it from the above mentioned music stores or pay Miss. McCabe and she will purchase the books and hand them out during lessons.

Home Practice

Learning an instrument cannot happen in lessons alone. For students to reach their full potential in music, they should practice consistently at home. Students should practice at least 15 minutes every day for a total of 105 minutes a week. I understand children are involved with sports and other after school activities but they should try to fit practice time into their schedule.

