

## Why learn an instrument?

Playing an instrument has so many benefits - socially, emotionally, spiritually, and even physically, especially at the high school level. It teaches self-discipline, multi-tasking, math and language skills. It's also a lifelong skill that builds lifelong friends - something that can be played at an old age. Finally, it's a phenomenal way to praise God for everything He has done!

**CONCORDIA**  
Fine arts



## Contact Us

### Jennifer Porath

*Director of Bands*

jporath@clhscadets.com

### Todd Phillips

*Assistant Director of Bands*

tphillips@clhscadets.com

### Brandon Eiler

*Director of Orchestras*

beiler@clhscadets.com

260-571-7354 (cell)

### Instrumental Department

260-483-1102 x198

*~Soli Deo Gloria!~*



**Concordia Lutheran  
High School**

1601 St. Joe River Drive • Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
(260) 483-1102 • www.clhscadets.com



Concordia Lutheran Instrumental Department  
@concordia\_band\_strings

# Lutheran Elementary Band and Strings Program



**• 2023-2024 •  
Handbook for  
Parents**

Ascension • Concordia • ESM • Emmaus •  
LSUS • St. John-Emmanuel • St. John-  
Kendallville • St. Paul • St. Peter • Suburban  
Bethlehem • Wyneken

# How to Register

## Step 1 - CampBrain

Please register online at [clhs.campbrainregistration.com](http://clhs.campbrainregistration.com) or scan the QR code to the right. Please register by **Friday, September 8.**

The cost of the class is \$495 or \$540 per student, depending on the school (classes are either 2 or 3 times per week). The total cost can be broken up into a payment plan of your choice. A non-refundable deposit of \$45 will be collected when you register. If you have any questions, please contact us!



## Step 2 - Get an Instrument

If you already have an instrument for your student to use, then you can skip this step! If not, keep reading.

CLHS's program works closely together with Sweetwater Band and Orchestra, and many of our students rent directly from Sweetwater. All of their rentals are rent-to-own! To get an instrument, make sure you attend **our rental night on August 23 at Sweetwater**, 5:00-7:00 pm. Once they get you signed up, you'll be able to leave with your instrument! If you can't attend the meeting, then you can sign up to rent one online at [band.sweetwater.com](http://band.sweetwater.com).



## Step 3 - Attend Class at School

Like mentioned above, some schools meet twice every week, while some meet three times. Your school office knows the schedule! On days that your school has band or strings, make sure your student brings their instrument, music, and a pencil to every class.

Then at home, it's encouraged to practice at least 75 minutes each week to reinforce what's learned in class. Finally, there are only a few performances each year, with a rehearsal shortly before. Make sure you get these dates on your calendar! - - - - - >

# 2023-24 Calendar

## BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS

August 23, Wednesday	Beginning Band Rentals ..... 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Band and Strings Instrument Rental and Make-up Fittings <b>At Sweetwater, Conference Hall 1</b> - All Schools Welcome
August 28, Monday	Band starts this week - bring your instruments
September 13, Wednesday	11th Annual Fall "Beginning Band and Strings Carnival", CLHS ..... 6:00 p.m.
<b>October 30, Monday</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>November 1, Wednesday</b>	<b>WINTER CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.</b>
April 24, Wednesday	Rehearsal for Spring Concert, CLHS Band Room ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
April 25, Thursday	ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
May 17, Friday	Last Day for Band

## INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED BAND STUDENTS

August 21, Monday	Band starts this week - bring your instruments
<b>November 1, Wednesday</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Winter Concert, CLHS Band Room ..... 8:00-10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>November 1, Wednesday</b>	<b>WINTER CONCERT w/CLHS, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.</b>
March 16, Saturday	Rehearsal for Fine Arts Festival, CLHS Gymnasium ..... 2:30-3:30 p.m.
March 17, Sunday	FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, CLHS Gymnasium ..... 2:00 p.m.
April 25, Thursday	Rehearsal for Spring Concert, CLHS Auditorium ..... 8:00-10:45 a.m.
April 25, Thursday	ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
May 17, Friday	Last Day for Band

## BEGINNING STRINGS STUDENTS

August 23, Wednesday	Beginning String Rentals ..... 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Band and Strings Instrument Rental and Make-up Fittings <b>At Sweetwater, Conference Hall 1</b> - All Schools Welcome
August 28, Monday	Strings start this week - bring your instruments
September 13, Wednesday	11th Annual Fall "Beginning Band and Strings Carnival", CLHS ..... 6:00 p.m.
November 27, Monday	Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 29, Wednesday	CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
April 29, Monday	Rehearsal for Concert, CLHS Band Room ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
May 1, Wednesday	CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
May 17, Friday	Last day for Strings

## INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED STRINGS STUDENTS

August 21, Monday	Strings starts this week - bring your instruments
November 28, Tuesday	Intermediate Strings Rehearsal ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 28, Tuesday	Advanced Strings Rehearsal ..... 7:00-8:00 p.m.
November 29, Wednesday	CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
March 17, Sunday	Advanced Rehearsal for Fine Arts Festival, CLHS Aud. .... 1:00 p.m.
March 17, Sunday	FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, CLHS Gym (Adv./H.S.) ..... 2:00 p.m.
April 30, Tuesday	Intermediate Strings Rehearsal ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
April 30, Tuesday	Advanced Strings Rehearsal ..... 7:00-8:00 p.m.
May 1, Wednesday	CONCERT, CLHS Auditorium ..... 7:00 p.m.
May 17, Friday	Last Day for Strings

**\*\*As of 8/25/2023**