Grace Christian Academy

Join a GCA Band!

No Music Experience Needed for Beginning Band!
Featuring an Advanced Band Class!

Grace Christian students can learn the basics of playing an instrument in only one year!

Beginning band is an accelerated class and students can be solid players in one year.

Students who successfully complete this class will know:

- Typical band music scales
- Chromatic notes of a two to three octave range
- Basic rhythms of music
- Basic finger positions
- Count rhythms independently
- Up to level 3 band music

Requirements for success:

1. **Commitment to Daily Practice**: 30-45 minutes per day. 3-5 hours per week. *Even more is better!*
2. **Attention to Details:** follow the director's instructions carefully. *Includes classroom rules!*
3. **A Winner's Attitude:** stick with it through the rough spots. *It takes heart to be an achiever!*

Instrument choices.

The band needs students in every instrument group for a balanced sound. The director will consider a student's choices but will make recommendations based on an interview with the student and the needs of the instrumentation. Instrument sections that are filled will be closed. Students who played an instrument last year will have the choice to continue on that instrument, subject to director approval.

Percussion: *Due to program limitations, the percussion section is closed. Private lessons are available for drum or drumset instruction.*

GCA Beginning Band Interest Form

2010-11 School Year

_____ _____ _____
Student *Grade* *Homeroom Teacher*

_____ _____ _____
Parents *Phone* *Email*

Instrument Choices. *Circle your **three** choices in order of preference below:*

Flute	1	2	3	Trumpet	1	2	3
Clarinet	1	2	3	French Horn*	1	2	3
Saxophone	1	2	3	Trombone	1	2	3

* *French Horn students need successful prior music experience.*

Other: _____

Music Experience: Piano ___ years; Guitar ___ years; Other _____ ___ years.

Do you already own an instrument? ___ No; ___ Yes. If so, which instrument: _____

Do you have braces? ___ No; ___ Yes. Do you expect to have braces? ___ No; ___ Yes.

All students are required to have access to a band instrument. GCA does not provide basic instruments.
All band students will be charged $16 for the two acclaimed *Best in Class* band books. Students will own both books.
Instrument lessons enhance learning and are also available through the GCA School of Music.

GCA Advanced Band Interest Form

__ I have completed a 2nd band book. *Fill out the above section and the instrument you already play.*

Students who have completed the second band book are eligible for the middle/high advanced school band. ***The percussion section has very limited enrollment; percussion students will be selected by the director.***

This class will review band book 2 during the first weeks of school and then focus on sheet music. Best in Class book 2 is $8 and students will only be charged for the book if they do not already have it. This book is for the student to own and keep as a reference.

~ Please return this form to Mr. Hubbard through the homeroom teacher or the school office ~

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Our Mission: We commit ourselves in love to train parents and children to obey God, instructing them through academic excellence to be salt and light in the world.