

# HOLY TRINITY BAND PROGRAM



All people are musicians given the chance  
All music is beautiful if listened to by the right ears  
All people have worth and deserve a chance to show it



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A young man with glasses is shown in profile, playing a drum. He is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. In the background, another person is visible, also playing a drum. The scene is dimly lit, with a green overlay on the right side of the image.

# INTRODUCTION

Band has changed my life, and I want to provide that same experience for you.

If you show up ready to work, learn, and have fun doing it, you will get ten times out of it what you put in.

I promise to be there every step of the way to support you in making this truly some of the best times of your life.

- Mr. Leer

# What is Band about?

In the band program, you...

- Learn to play a musical instrument (or two, or three, or four!)
- Build amazing friendships with your fellow performers
- Establish critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Figure out how to help teach yourself and think your way through an issue



# 4 Core Values

## We Value Persons

Every student is welcome  
All students are given the  
same chance to learn and  
perform

## We Value Community

Band is a family  
We laugh, learn, and grow  
together

## We Value Responsibility

We teach accountability  
We learn to work on our  
own and with others  
We choose to be better

## We Value Learning

Learning is a process  
We accept mistakes and  
grow from them  
We help each other  
when we struggle

# How will you learn in Band?

## Acquire

Here you will learn basic skills, like:

- how to breathe
- how to make sound
- how to change sound

## Apply

Here you will take those skills and build:

- how to practice
- how to add expression
- how to play together

## Adapt

Here you will turn yourself into a true musician:

- how to make musical choices
- how to solve musical problems
- how to perform with pride



# Why do we do all this?

Being in band...

- Helps you with communication skills
- Teaches resiliency
- Lets you see new places in the world

But most importantly...

**IS FUN!!!**



This poster is on our wall, and it's true!



# MS vs HS

In Middle School...

Grade 7 Band

- Choose an instrument
- Participate in workshops
- Go on your first trip!

Grade 8/9 Band

- Rehearse with other students
- Perform at multiple concerts
- Every 2 years, go to a provincial festival!

Grade 8/9 Jazz Academy

- Learn jazz stylings
- Prep you for Senior Jazz Band
- Work with pros!



| The MS Process:

| Learn new skills -> Guided practice -> Independent practice -> Perform



# MS vs HS

In High School...

Band 10–20–30

Carry on from your earlier learning

Play advanced music

Trips every year!

One massive trip in your 3-year journey!

Senior Jazz Band

Play actual gigs

Collaborate with dancers

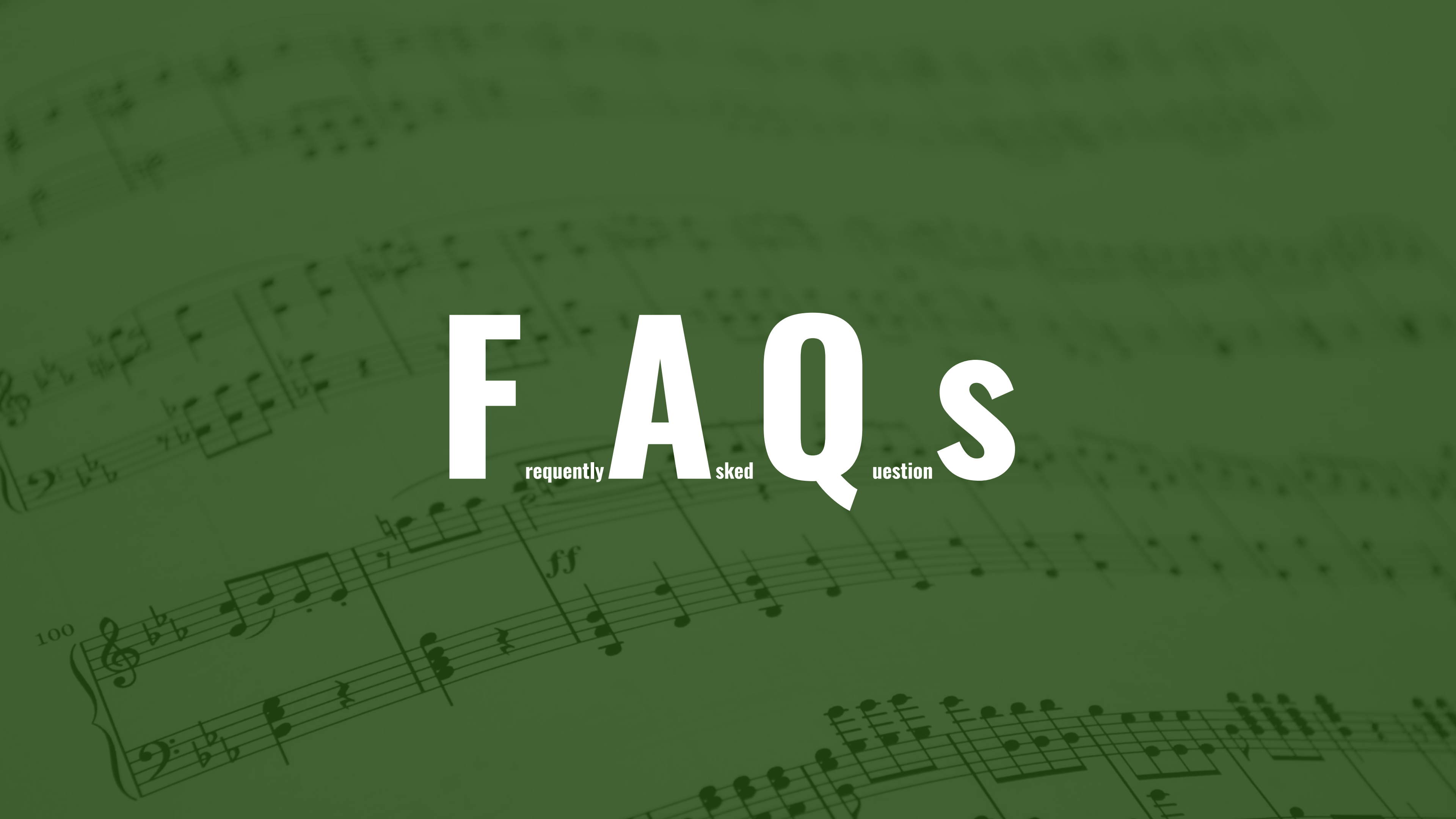
Learn advanced improvisation!

You get credits (5 per year completed!) towards your grad requirements for all of these things!



| The HS Process:

| Focus on Sound → Focus on Technique → Focus on Expression → Focus on Artistry → Perform Mastery



# FAQs

requently asked question

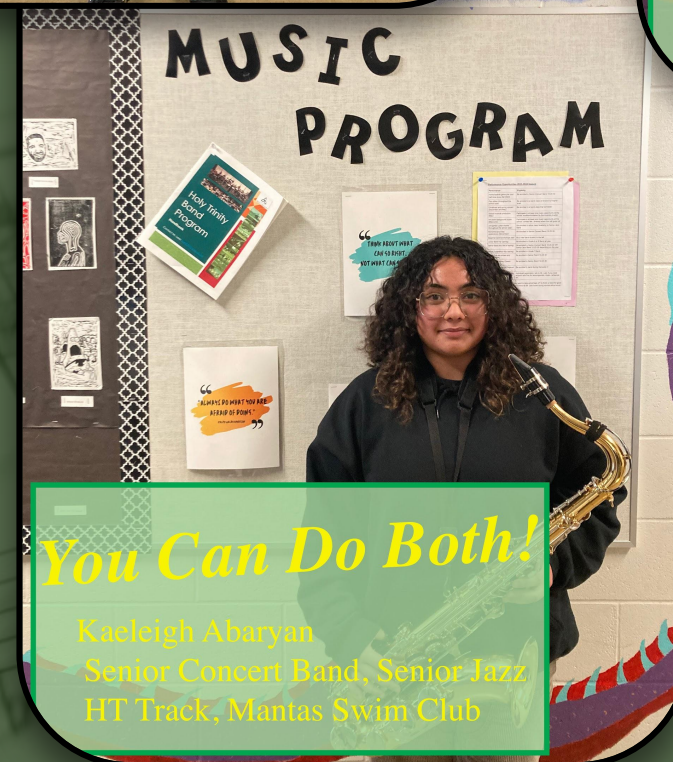
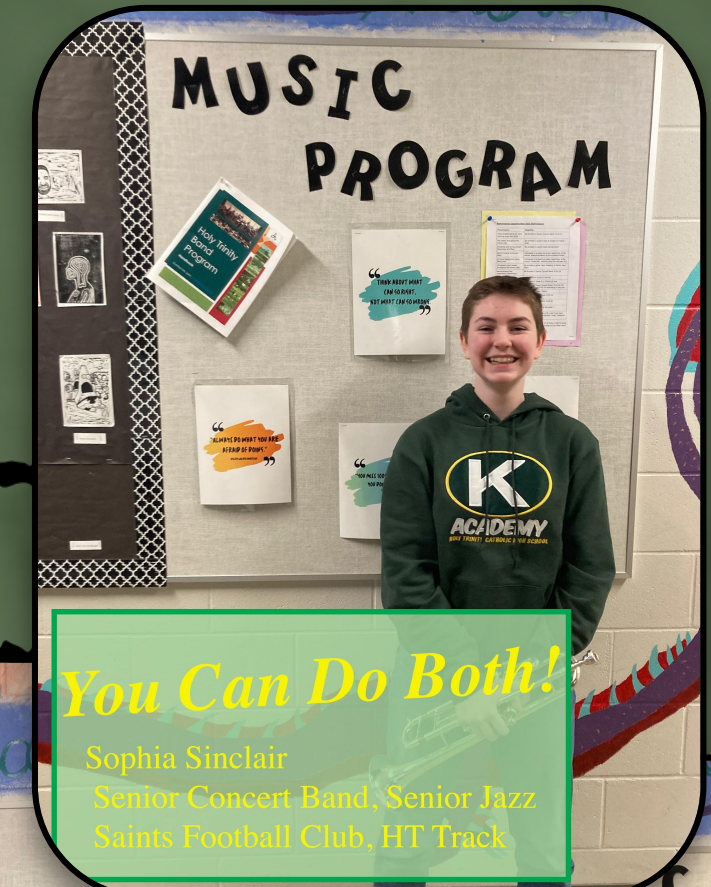


# CAN I DO IT ALL?

Many of our students are not just involved in band, but decorated athletes and top academic students as well!

They take the lessons about hard work and attitude that we establish in band and use it to get the most out of school!

Current and former students who excel at many things, showing up in our 'You Can Do Both' campaign!





## **Do I need an instrument?**

If you have your own, great!

If not, you can rent one from the school for \$50 per year (that's real cheap!)

You can also rent or buy elsewhere, and we can provide advice for that

## **Can I switch instruments?**

You can always try new things in the future. All we ask is that you make a real effort at one before you explore others.

## **Do I have to read/play music already?**

Nope! We teach that here – all you need is the right attitude to come and work at it!

The most important ingredient to band is your willingness to try things!

## **Where can we go on trips and excursions?**

We have been to Niagara Falls, Disney, Hawaii, Europe... you name it!

In Grade 7, we stay very local, in Grade 8/9 we go about the province, and in 10/11/12, the sky's the limit!



## Why should I keep at it?

Band works on skills that have application through your whole life: problem solving, independence, how to learn, collaborating and communicating with others

This is really good for your future – scholarships, jobs, internships, and more look at what you did outside of scoring 95% in math! And band requires effort so they know you have a good work ethic and attitude.

Instant social group – join a band or jazz band and you automatically have people who you know like at least some of the stuff you do, and they want to work with you not against you because that's what band is!



# CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR HISTORY!



We won a Gold Standard at Nationals 2023!



Live pit bands for musicals!



Working with other band programs on our many trips!

Debuting 'Lights of the Aurora', a piece composed for us by Vince Gassi during COVID-19 distanced learning!





# WE HOPE TO SEE YOU

If you have more questions about the band  
program... **SOON!**

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Check out previous concert videos, pictures,  
and more on our social media accounts.