

Why learn an instrument?

Participation in music, specifically playing an instrument, has so many benefits:

Cognitive Benefits - Playing music helps prepare the brain for achievement and critical thinking while it fosters a superior working memory and vocabulary.

Educational Benefits - Other subjects are easily integrated into music, improving retention across the board. Music students often perform higher in math, reading, and learning a foreign language, since those subjects are at the core of music.

Lifelong Benefits - Music sharpens attentiveness, strengthens perseverance, equips students to be creative, and supports self-esteem; all of which help students to succeed outside of school (job interviews, making friends, etc.)

Physical Benefits - Playing an instrument helps develop fine motor skills, which can in turn improve things like writing and typing.

Spiritual Benefits - In our Lutheran Schools, we are grateful that we are able to keep Christ at the center of everything. God has given us so many talents, so we use our musical gifts to always bring glory to Him!

Visit NAMMFoundation.org or NAfME.org to learn more about the benefits of music education.

"Music may not make you a genius, or rich, or even a better person. But it helps train you to think differently, to process different points of view — and most important, to take pleasure in listening."

- Joanne Lipman, *The New York Times*, 2013

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~Soli Deo Gloria!~



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Ft. Wayne Lutheran Band and Orchestra Program



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How to Join Band and Orchestra:

Register Online

Please register online at clhscadets.revtrak.net or scan the QR code below. All students - new and returning - must register each year.

The total cost of band or orchestra class is \$495 or \$540 per student, depending on the school (classes are either 2 or 3 times per week).

That's just \$7.50 per lesson!

For reference, private lessons in a studio are at least \$30/half hour lesson; usually those are just once a week. That would be at least \$120/month!

The total cost can be broken up into a payment plan of your choice - by month or in full up front**. If you have any questions about payments, please contact Debbie Schumm (DSchumm@clhscadets.com).

**Students must register by
Friday, September 5 to
continue attending classes.**

**Please note that when you pay online, there is a credit card processing fee.



Get an Instrument

If you are a returning student, you probably still have your instrument from last year. If this is your first year in band/orchestra, there are a few different options:

1. You already have an instrument from an older sibling or family member! Make sure it's in good, working condition before classes start.

2. Borrow from CLHS - CLHS has a handful of band instruments ready to be used! Because of the limited amount of instruments, this would be on a first come-first served basis. Reach out to Jennifer Porath if you are interested! (JPorath@clhscadets.com)

3 - Rent from Sweetwater - All of their instrument rentals are rent-to-own! You can sign up to rent one online by scanning the QR code or visiting band.sweetwater.com. Once you sign up, they will ship your instrument directly to your house before classes begin!



Attend Class at School

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

At home, it's encouraged to practice at least 75 minutes each week to reinforce what's learned in class. If broken up, that's just 10-15 minutes each day!

Finally, there are two joint concerts with a rehearsal the day or two before, so make sure you get those on your calendar!

BAND Concerts:

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Thursday, April 30, 2026

ORCHESTRA Concerts:

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

The detailed schedule will be passed out at school, but can always be found on CLHS's website: clhscadets.com/apps/pages/elementary-band-and-strings

SAVE THE DATE Beginning Band and Strings Carnival

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Concordia Lutheran High School

6:00-8:00 PM



Bring your instrument and receive a FREE 30 minute clinic with a professional. Plus, Whip and Chill will be there with a special treat for our Beginning Musicians!

