

## Band

Playing a musical instrument as part of an ensemble is a fun way to encourage our students to develop their artistic talents. As part of the school band, students will perform at assemblies, special events, and two MQA concerts during the school year. Band is an elective course which means that grades are given out. Concerts are a critical part of the grading process as they allow the students to demonstrate the skills they have developed. In addition, Concerts give the faculty and parents the chance to show their appreciation for the student's hard work.

Mr. Talarovich is the band director. The first concert is the Christmas Concert during which the band, chorus and students in kindergarten to grade three will perform. The second concert is the Spring Choral and Band Concert.

In addition to the MQA band events, all the schools that have Mr. Talarovich as their instrumental teacher, join together for an All Schools Band Concert in the spring. There is also a "Christmas Band Tour" in December, where the band students from various schools play at one of the schools and other selected venues.

Band practice is held after school at LAS in the performing arts room and is mandatory. Students are to be prepared by practicing and bring instruments and music. Days and dates of band practice are listed on the online Activity Calendar at [www.mqaschool.org](http://www.mqaschool.org) and on PowerSchool's Daily School Bulletin.

Band, chorus, or music exploration are the options for fulfilling the music credit in grades 7 and 8.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

My child and I understand that band practice is mandatory and that it is our responsibility to bring the instrument to school and stay for practice. I understand my child is required to participate in all three concerts and the Christmas Band Tour. I give my child permission to participate in Band.

Attendance is taken, but parents are not called for those students who do not stay for meetings. *If Mr. Talarovich has to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, my child will call home to notify me of the change.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_