

*We had an Assemble with
Wharton School of Music
Today!*

The Academy "School Band"

This year, in partnership with **The Wharton School of Music** in Berkeley Heights, The Academy is offering our students in **3rd through the 6th** grade the opportunity to take part in an exciting new music program at our school.

The Academy School Band will be separate from our traditional program of music lessons that are already offered at The Academy. The idea of the School Band is that our students will be working towards learning their instruments well enough as a group that they will be able to perform together at school and possibly church functions representing The Academy.

The School Band will focus on the following instruments the flute, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, and clarinet. Students do not need to have any musical experience to join the band, but they must be willing to accept the following criteria:

1. A band member must be willing to be placed in the instrument the instructor chooses for them.
2. A band member must show good behavior during group lessons.
3. A band member will commit to daily practice at home in order to become better and not hold back the entire ensemble.
4. A band member will commit to being present and ready for school and church ensemble performances.

Anyone who is interested in joining the band will **enjoy one month of free lessons and free rental**. After the first month if you wish to continue the following information will apply:

- School Band students will meet once per week during the school day (still to be scheduled) and will have two to three instructor/coaches working with them at all times.
- The cost for the program is all inclusive; that means that all lessons and instrument rental from K&S in Berkeley Heights are included in this price. School Band members will pay \$20 per lesson on a monthly basis; so four lessons will be \$80. Checks will be made payable to The Academy of Our Lady of Peace

We are very excited to offer this unique opportunity to our Academy students. If you have any further questions to help you make this decision please do not hesitate to contact me. If this is something you would like your child to be a part of, please fill out the information on the tear off portion of this letter and return it to me as soon as possible but no later than October 27th. The first 20 students to bring in this signed form will have a place in the band.

Sincerely,

Mr. Berrios



Student Name _____ Grade _____

Preferred Instrument (depending upon availability) _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent Email _____