

THE KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Kellenberg Memorial Band provides interested students with a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular musical activities. The Band is open to all students who are not already members of the Chorus or Orchestra. There are two bands on the high school level: the Firebird Band, for less experienced musicians, and the Phoenix Band, for the more experienced musicians from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

In conjunction with the Chorus and Orchestra, the Band participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts. All band students are required to attend the NYSSMA Solo Festival. In addition, band members may audition for the Pit Band, Pep Band and the Jazz Band.

Instrumentation for the Band does not include any string instruments, guitar, piano, or accordion. The Band Department has a limited number of large instruments available for use. Students who play smaller instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, or oboe) will have to rent or purchase these instruments on their own.

Since the Band practices during the regular school day, this enables members to join other after school activities and sports teams. Once accepted after auditions, All members of the Band are required to take individual, weekly music lessons which are scheduled on a rotating basis during regular school hours. **The weekly thirty-minute lesson fee of \$26.00 per lesson for 25 lessons during the next school year is paid directly to Kellenberg Memorial. There is a \$130.00 non-refundable deposit due after Band auditions in May to enroll your child in the band program.** This deposit will pay for your child's first 5 weeks of lessons. The students are graded on these lessons by their private teacher, and this mark is incorporated into their band grade.

ALL students in the Band are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Band until the end of the school year.

Students who wish to join the Band program **MUST** audition for the organization; we do not accept beginners. If you are interested, please follow the directions on the online registration page. Students will be notified of further details in April about the auditions. Any questions can be emailed to Mr. Vegas at mrvegas@kellenberg.org

THE KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

The Kellenberg Memorial Chorus provides interested students with a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular musical activities. The Chorus is open to all students who are not already in Band or Orchestra. There are two choruses on the high school level: the Firebird Chorus for grades 9 and 10; and the Phoenix Chorus for grades 11 and 12. Both groups perform a variety of sacred and secular music. In addition, students may audition for select extra-curricular choirs.

In conjunction with the Band and Orchestra, the Chorus participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts. Students may choose to participate in NYSSMA Solo Evaluation Festivals. Scores from these evaluations are used to qualify students for consideration in All County and All State performing groups.

The Chorus practices during the regular school day. This enables members to join other after school activities and sport teams. In practice, the students learn not only the music sung in concert, but also general techniques of voice production and breathing. A number of students belong to their own church and youth choirs.

Accompaniment for the Chorus generally includes piano, but at times will also include drums, guitar, and synthesizer. Talented keyboard players can receive credit for acting as choir accompanists, in addition to their vocal responsibilities.

ALL students in the Chorus are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Chorus during the school year.

Students who are interested in the Chorus **MUST** audition for the organization. If you are interested, please follow the directions on the online registration page. Students will be notified of further details in April about our auditions. Any questions can be emailed to Mr. Blanton at mrbanton@kellenberg.org

THE KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Kellenberg Memorial Orchestra provides interested students with a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular musical activities. The Orchestra is open to all students who are not already members of the Chorus or Band. The Orchestra consists of the string instruments; i.e., violin, viola, cello, and string bass. There are two orchestras on the high school level: the Firebird Orchestra, and the Phoenix Orchestra for the more experienced musicians. There is also an Instructional Orchestra for grades 6, 7, 8, & 9 for students wishing to learn a stringed instrument. This group does not perform at our concerts.

In conjunction with the Band and Chorus, the Orchestra participates in two public performances each year: The Christmas and Spring Concerts. Attendance is mandatory at these two concerts. All Orchestra students are also required to participate in the NYSSMA Festival each Spring, so that they may qualify for the All-County and Long Island String Festival Orchestras.

The Orchestra department maintains a collection of cellos and basses for use by students while at school, but ALL orchestra members are required to purchase or rent a suitable instrument for practice at home.

Since Orchestra practices during the regular school day, this enables members to join other after school activities and sports teams. Once accepted after auditions, All members of the Orchestra are required to take individual, weekly music lessons which are scheduled on a rotating basis during regular school hours. **The weekly thirty-minute lesson fee of \$26.00 per lesson for 25 lessons during the next school year** is paid directly to Kellenberg Memorial. **There is a \$130.00 non-refundable deposit due after Orchestra auditions in May to enroll your child in the orchestra program.** This deposit will pay for your child's first 5 weeks of lessons. The students are graded on these lessons by their private teacher, and this mark is incorporated into their orchestra grade.

ALL students in the Orchestra are committed to at least one full year of participation. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Orchestra until the end of the school year.

Students who wish to join the Orchestra program MUST audition for the organization. If you are interested, please follow the directions on the online registration page. Students will be notified of further details in April about the auditions. Beginners who simply wish to join the Instructional Orchestra should also register online, but they will not be auditioned in May. Any questions can be emailed to Mrs. Burke at mrsburke@kellenberg.org