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MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FAQ's—MCS Basics!

WHAT: Music in Catholic Schools (MCS) is a **parent-paid** band program for students in grades 5-8 in metro parochial schools.

TIME COMMITMENT: Students have band classes once or twice a week, depending on band enrollment. Students need to practice on their own—every day is best. Students are obligated to try band a minimum of one semester (a year is better.)

WHEN: Most students miss some regular class time for band. Band times are set up before school and/or during the school day throughout the school year, starting the first week of September.

FNANCIAL COMMITMENT: Parents pay separate fees for band classes, which do NOT provide an instrument. Those with financial need pay reduced tuition and may borrow an instrument from Music in Catholic Schools. Sheet music and music books are included.

ACTIVITIES: Special concerts and other activities are held throughout the year. Each teacher puts his/her students together for special concerts the first Sunday in December and the first Sunday or Monday in May. Performance is important, and students who participate in concerts make quicker progress and have more fun.

TEACHERS: All staff members are certified music teachers.

For more information, see “Prospective Student and Parents” on the MCS website and/or check with your school office for hard copies:

<http://www.archomaha.org/education/music-catholic-schools/students-parents/prospective-student-parents/>