

Dear Community Member,

As a potential “patron” of the L.A. Ainger Middle School Band, we’d like to share with you why our program and its students are a great investment! We currently have 6 bands in our program including 2 Beginning bands, an Intermediate band, an Advanced band, a Percussion Ensemble, and a Jazz band, encompassing 220 students in all. In the last sixteen years, our director, Mr. Tim Ostrow, has built an outstanding program. Mr. Ostrow has established a comprehensive curriculum designed to enable his students to achieve at the highest level and transition smoothly into a high school band and beyond. His high level of professionalism and enthusiasm inspires our students to be highly motivated and our program to be extremely well respected within our community and throughout the state. Some of our program’s achievements include:

- 1) **Consistently Straight Superior ratings from highly qualified adjudicators at the annual Florida Band Masters Association (FBA) Concert Band festival** held in March of each school year. This includes three prepared pieces performed for an audience as well as two previously unseen sight reading pieces. The students have achieved this rating for twelve years earning a plaque for the band and a medal for each student in the ensemble.
- 2) **We offer a jazz band class!** Due to the huge popularity of the program and the students’ love of jazz music, our top band students have the opportunity to participate in a jazz band class with its own curriculum and concerts. The jazz band performs in the annual FBA Jazz Band festival in February each year and has earned superior ratings the last twelve years!
- 3) **Hundreds of students performed solo & ensemble literature over the past sixteen years with the majority receiving a superior rating and medal.** For the annual FBA Solo and Ensemble Festival, Students perform a solo with piano or a small chamber ensemble (brass quintet, etc.) in a recital atmosphere for a professional adjudicator that plays their instrument. Our students are regularly praised by judges at Solo & Ensemble.
- 4) **Ongoing opportunities for student success.** The past seven years, we had seven students from our program compete for and earn a spot with the Florida All State band!
- 5) **We perform regularly in our community throughout the year.** To see our full calendar, please visit <https://www.aingerband.org/calendar.html>

As our Cougar Band program continues to grow, we face challenges in funding its operations and opportunities. Our Band Boosters organization helps to assist with expenses such as purchasing uniforms, event fees & transportation costs, administrative supplies, and most importantly, hiring professional music teachers to assist Mr. Ostrow with large class sizes. Your donation will help ensure that our program and its students continue to remain strong, grow and achieve unparalleled levels of success! Every child that wants to play an instrument can and should be able to in the Cougar Band.

To hear the quality of the program, we cordially invite you to attend our local Winter and Spring Concert Series. All Ainger Band concerts are free to the public. Please come early to get a great seat as we often pack the auditorium!

Jazz Band and Beginning Band Winter Program - Dec. 6th
Intermediate and Advanced Band Winter Program - Dec. 13th
Jazz Band and Beginning Band Spring Program - April 18th
Intermediate and Advanced Band Spring Program - April 25th

The performances begin at 7pm and are hosted at the Lemon Bay High School PAC

Thank You For Your Support!

Check out our band website at www.aingerband.org to see what we are doing!