

Welcome to

Klæbu

School Band



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The Band Calendar

Klæbu School Band is for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 19.

We want everyone to feel a sense of community, accomplishment, and joy of playing music.

Information is shared in the Tutti app, where you will find schedules and locations for all our activities. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at leder@klabu-smk.no

You can also use the Tutti app to let us know if your child is sick or unable to attend an activity.

Rehearsals take place on Thursdays at Sørborgen Primary School.

The band calendar follows the school calendar, with breaks during school holidays, except for a few events such as Constitution Day, seminars, competitions, and band trips after the school year ends.

In their first year, your child will join the Beginner Band, where they will get to know their instrument and practice playing together. They will also participate in concerts and competitions with the older members.

Rehearsal times may vary, but the typical schedule is: _____

Any changes to the schedule will be announced through the Tutti app.

In their second year, they will move to Junior 1 and play together with Junior 2 in the Junior Band, with slightly longer rehearsals.

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In their third year, they will play in Junior 2 together with Junior 1, with the exception of the period before Constitution Day, where they will be rehearsing and performing with the Main Band.

Rehearsal times may vary, but the typical schedule is: _____

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From their fourth year onwards, they will play in the Main Band. However, children cannot join the Main Band until they reach the 5th grade, so if they start early, they will have to remain in the Junior Band a little longer.

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For each rehearsal, regardless of age, they will need to bring their instrument, music stand, sheet music, a pencil, and a water bottle. Instruments, music stands and sheet music are all provided by the band and will be given to them by their music teacher at the first introductory session. Beginners will always have at least one session with their music teacher before attending their first band rehearsal.

We encourage parents to come by the rehearsals to meet other parents and learn more about the band.

Parent Duty During Band Rehearsals

At the Klæbu School Band, we ask parents to volunteer during rehearsals. Your task will include setting up chairs for the players, helping the percussion group with setting up and taking down equipment before and after rehearsals, and assisting during arrival, breaks, and after the session. During the break, it is important to keep an eye on the players, as some may need assistance. Please also check the basement restrooms, as it is easy for someone to accidentally lock themselves in. While the children know they shouldn't run indoors, they might forget, so a gentle reminder may be needed. During the break, the players should leave the rehearsal room to let in some fresh air before the next session.

You will be scheduled for a maximum of two shifts per semester. If the assigned date does not work for you, you can swap with another parent. You will be assigned the same rehearsal time as your child, and even if you have multiple children in the band, you will still only have a maximum of two shifts per semester.

Other Activities

Throughout the year, we hold 3-4 weekend seminars for extra practice and learning. We often need a little extra help from parents during these events, and create volunteer lists to ensure all parents contribute equally. If the assigned day does not work for you, you can check the Tutti app to see if another parent is available to swap.

Each fall, usually in September, the band holds a major fundraiser where all parents are expected to participate. It is the most fun weekend of the year, with a flea market, and a great opportunity to meet other parents. See the fundraising section for more details.

Also in the fall, usually in October, we participate in a band competition where the whole band plays together. We will hire a bus, so the children do not have to pay for transportation. Some parents will join as assistants, while others may follow on their own to watch the competition.



These competitions are organized by other groups, so there is an entrance fee for parents and spectators, but the band members will enter for free.

In December, we hold a Christmas concert to showcase what we have been working on and to spread some holiday cheer. The concert is organized by the school band, and admission is free for everyone. For these events, we will need help with setting up, cleaning up, running the kiosk, and baking cakes to sell.

On Christmas Eve, the Main Band performs at the church, usually during the family service.

In February, we participate in the Trønder championship for school bands at Olavshallen. The beginners play together with Junior 1 and 2, while the Main Band competes separately. There is an entrance fee for parents and spectators, but the band members get in free of charge. As the championship takes place in Trondheim, we will not hire a bus, but encourage carpooling.

Stjerneaften is our annual celebration, usually held before Constitution Day. During Stjerneaften, the players receive a new star for their uniform, one for each year they have played in the band. The event is organized by the school band, and admission is free for everyone. For these events, we will need help with setting up, cleaning up, running the kiosk, and baking cakes to sell.

On Constitution Day, May 17th, the Main Band and Junior 2 perform in the morning, while the beginners and Junior 1 join at lunch to march in the school parade with the rest of the band. The beginners and Junior 1 do not play on Constitution Day, but they will carry the Norwegian flag and serve as the color guard, with flags provided by the band. We will also need help preparing lunch for the players before they march in the Klæbu parade.

Social Trips

We always try to organize a social event before the summer holidays. Some years, we go on a trip, while other years we have a social weekend in the local area. These trips often require a personal contribution, but it is up to the parents to vote on which trip the band will take. The social committee will present different options with varying costs. Participation is optional but recommended, as it provides the children with memorable experiences and strengthens their bonds with other members. Social trips are always led by volunteering parents, who are responsible for looking after the children.

Equipment

The band provides instruments, music stands, and uniforms. You will need to acquire a white shirt with a collar and black shoes. However, we do have some white shirts and shoes available, so feel free to contact uniform@klabu-smk.no if you need help. Please also refer to the separate document regarding uniform regulations.

We also offer a club jacket called the Ormus jacket. Ormus is the band's mascot, featured in our logo. Purchasing an Ormus jacket is optional. They are often worn by band members, parents, and grandparents in their free time. They are also sometimes worn during performances where the uniform is not required. However, those without an Ormus jacket can wear a dark jacket or sweater. The jackets can usually be ordered twice a year.



Membership Fee

We have a membership fee to cover costs for conductors, instruments, and uniforms,

The fee is 1,000 NOK for beginners, 1,200 NOK for Junior 1 and Junior 2, and 1,400 NOK for the Main Band. If for any reason you are unable to pay the fee, please contact the band leader, and we can help you apply for financial support.

Fundraising: Flea Market and “Tøffe Tørk”

The Klæbu School Band flea market is a regular fall tradition and our biggest source of income.

The flea market is the one event where everyone is expected to show up. We need help from at least one parent from each family. It can be a busy and noisy weekend, but it is also a lot of fun and very social!

The flea market takes place over four days. On Thursday, we begin setting up in the hall at around 5:00 PM, arranging tables, receiving donations, and organizing the stalls and café. On Friday, also starting around 5:00 PM, we finish any left over tasks from the previous day and set out the remaining items. We typically work until around 9:00 PM on both Thursday and Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, we show up for our assigned shifts, bring food for the kiosk, and prepare to sell items and kiosk goods to raise money for the band. On Sunday, you will either attend your scheduled shift or help with the cleanup. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Coffee will be available throughout the day.

Your assigned shifts will be announced in the Tutti app, along with details about bringing cake, coffee, waffles or svele batter. If you are unable to attend your assigned shift, you should notify the work committee well in advance. They are responsible for organizing the schedule. Your task will be to attend the flea market at Klæbuhallen and to bring a homemade cake and waffle batter for the kiosk.

The work schedules are marked with the children’s names, but it is the parents’ responsibility to show up for the assigned shift. Families with multiple children in the band will have the same number of shifts as those with one child. If you have more than one child, all of their names will appear on the same shift.

The older children (ages 12 and up) are responsible for managing the kiosk on Saturday and Sunday. Their names will appear in red on the schedule.

During the cleanup on Sunday, children under 12 are not allowed near the outdoor containers for safety reasons.

More details about the flea market will be shared in the Tutti app. If you feel unsure about anything, feel free to ask.



“Tøffe Tørk”

Tøffe Tørk is the second largest fundraiser for the band, where we sell kitchen and toilet paper. Players who sell these items will receive a small portion of the sales in their travel account, which they can use to save up for band trips. The Tøffe Tørk committee will inform you when the sales begin and will manage the orders placed by parents with the supplier. Parents selling paper on behalf of the band must be sure to collect payment, as the band will send an invoice to the parent or player who placed the order. Further information will be announced through the Tutti app. Questions about Tøffe Tørk can be sent to toffetork@klabu-smk.no

There is no minimum sales requirement, and all contributions are appreciated!

Fair Play

Here at the Klæbu School Band, Fair Play is about more than simply playing your instrument. Fair Play is about how we behave towards each other and how we communicate, both during and outside rehearsals. We do not expect everyone to be best friends, but we do expect everyone to behave well and treat others with respect.

- Respect our conductor(s), board members, elected representatives, rules, and guidelines.
- Respect your fellow band members and the community.
- Respect the members of other bands.
- Be on time for rehearsals, concerts, and other events, and let us know in advance if you cannot attend.
- Do not tolerate bullying, racism, or other negative behavior. If you see it happening, be sure to notify an adult.
- Help make this a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone.
- No one can play in a band alone, and no one is more important than anyone else.

The school band is committed to creating an environment where everyone can enjoy playing music, and where respect, equality, fairness and positive attitudes are key values.