

# THE KNIGHTS BRIGADE

Greetings from The King's Academy Instrumental Music Program, and congratulations on your student's acceptance to TKA. My name is Ryan Bortz, and I am the band and orchestra director at TKA. I'd like to take a moment to tell you about our 8-12th grade band, the Knights Brigade. I hope that your student will consider becoming a part of our family.

The King's Academy is the home of an outstanding and award-winning band program. Our marching band has established itself as one of the top Class A bands in the western states, and has won first place at 4 of the last five Western Band Association Class A Championships, including the fall of 2021. Each year, our students also earn numerous first place trophies at local competitions, and multiple caption awards for best music, best marching, best color guard, and best general effect. More importantly, our students learn the value of consistent, diligent effort and determination. I have been amazed at how God has worked in and through our students. I invite your student to be a part of this tremendous program.

Our program seeks to enrich students through a solid music education grounded in our desire to perform for God's glory. Every student is encouraged to work diligently to achieve their best, and they are thrilled when they see the result of their preparation.

Research has shown time and again that being involved in high school music programs, and specifically marching band programs, correlates with many positive life outcomes such as higher test scores or increased career success. Being in our family also creates friendships that last a lifetime, teaches self-discipline, fosters respect for one another, develops interdependence, and allows students the opportunity to use their talents to glorify God. What a great opportunity!



**Being in band was one of the best decisions. It changed my life.**  
-Alexander

I hope your student will consider being a part of the Knights Brigade, a truly wonderful organization. While there is an outside of school rehearsal commitment for students from August through mid-November, students still find time to participate in other school activities, maintain higher than average GPAs, and attend a church functions. And the rewards last a lifetime. If I can answer any questions for you regarding participation in the Knights Brigade, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you, and to a fabulous 2022-2023 school year.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Bortz".

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# WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...



I enjoy band because it is a great way to bond with others and it is incredible fun. This year's band experience was awesome.  
- Mark

My favorite part about band is playing together as a group and making music come alive.  
-Serena

This year's band experience was **AMAZING!**  
- Arisa



This year has been amazing beyond my every expectation, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my time at TKA.  
- Xander



This year was the best year I've ever had in my life.  
-Megan,



I love being part of something bigger than myself.  
- Mason



We've grown to be a family. It's been the best year yet.  
- Emily

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