

# *The Knights Brigade*

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

The King's Academy is the home of an outstanding and award-winning band program. The Knights Brigade has established itself as one of the top Class A bands in the western states, and has won the Northern and Southern California Bands of America Class A, and Western Band Association Class A Championship multiple times. 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, and feel that our story is truly spectacular. I invite you to be a part of our 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 to 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, instills respect for one another, fosters interdependence, and allows students the opportunity to use their talents to glorify God. What a great opportunity!

If I can answer any questions for you regarding participation in the Knights Brigade, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and to a fabulous 2021-2022 school year. Welcome to TKA, and Go Knights!

Blessings,



-Ryan Bortz  
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**I enjoy music because it is a way to get away from the stresses of school and homework.**  
**- Keegan, TKA Band Student**

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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



Being in band this year was one of the best experiences of my life!  
- Xander



It was crazy, but I now have so many memories to look back on and enjoy from this year.  
- Anaïs



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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