

## WHAT ARE PROVIDENCE PROJECTS?

*Providence Projects are inspired gifts that will have a significant impact on Providence Christian School.*

Some major gifts that have been given to Providence over the years have helped us develop our classroom technology, sporting venues, and facilities on campus. There will be a small number of projects each year that Providence will work with donors to complete through Providence Projects.

We believe that music education at Providence will encourage our students to have a deeper understanding of what is true, beautiful, and good in this world.

Thank you for partnering with us in this project.

**Soli Deo Gloria.**



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## PROVIDENCE PROJECTS // Band



Providence Christian School  
Equipping students.  
Following Christ.  
Changing the world.



## ABOUT THE PCS BAND:

*"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning." - Plato*

In 2013, Providence Christian School began its band program comprised of 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The band hit the stands as a pep band playing at home football games in 2015. The next year, Mitchell Boles joined the PCS faculty as band director leading students in 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades. In 2017, the PCS band expanded to include tenth grade students.

Mitchell Boles has great plans for the future of our band at Providence. With a bachelor of music education from Baptist College of Florida, Boles has experience playing professionally in an orchestra and in a marching band. His vision for the next five to ten years is for PCS to have every student involved in music.

### Below are the goals for band at PCS:

- Beginner band for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- Intermediate and advanced junior high band for 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Concert wind ensemble for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades with a potential wind symphony
- Marching band in five years (2022)
- Piano class for interested students

## WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR THIS PROJECT AT PCS?

Since its inception in 2013, the PCS band program has made great strides to where it is today. Students who feel called to play music finally have an opportunity to use their gifts at PCS to give God glory. **We believe that if our band has the proper items and instruments, along with the guidance of a committed band director, that music education can be fully integrated into our classical Christian education at Providence.**

President Ford has stated that "Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them - a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music." In order for us to continue to advance our music department so our children can have a comprehensive educational experience at PCS, we need to make this a top priority in our fundraising efforts.

## SPECIFIC LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR PCS:

- Continued growth in the Fine Arts Department
- Recognition in the community as a school that is invested in music education
- Increased school spirit at sporting events
- Opportunity for students to obtain scholarships and to continue in their music education at a collegiate level

## POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS:

*"Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else."*

**Did you know that 20% of kids learn how to play music and 70% of adults wish they had?**

Music education benefits students in the following ways:

- It improves academic, physical, and social skills
- It refines discipline and patience
- It introduces children to different cultures

## OVERVIEW OF THE NEEDS OF THE BAND:

In order for our PCS band to flourish, we need to purchase items and instruments so our band can perform with excellence. **We need essential items - a conductor's podium and quality music stands, as well as instruments for concert performances and marching.** The instruments that we would like to acquire are the timpani, marimba, and vibraphone because these instruments are needed for our students to study significant concert band literature.

**For our pep band to grow into a marching band, we will need a marching drumline.** This drumline greatly improves the sound and uniformity at outside venues and is a must-have for our program to march.

