

WELCOME to MEET THE BAND PROGRAM NIGHT!

You have already completed the first step in this process by figuring out this meeting!! Congrats! 😊

NEXT...

Tonight we will go over exactly what the band program has to offer, what my Guidelines & Expectations are, and specifically how everything works. We will go over the instrument. Specifically what they are, how to get them, and what option there are.

At the conclusion, the hope is that you and your child have an idea of 1) whether you want to be part of the band program 2) what instrument your child is going to play & 3) where the instrument is coming from.

Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I understand that instruments are a whole new ballgame for many!!

Please see that the demographic information page and Guidelines & Expectations page is filled out. They are all electronic now.

I hope you find tonight informative and helpful!

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BEGINNER BAND

(the nuts & bolts)

- Open to any 4th or 5th grader
- Meets 1 day per week during school day
- 30 minute pullout lesson
 - This lesson is where we learn the nitty-gritty of the instrument
 - How to hold it, get sound, fingerings, how to read notes, etc. etc. etc.
 - Your child will miss 30 minutes of general class time for this per week
 - Mrs. Crouse meetings with classroom teachers to work out a mutually agreed upon time. Just ask if there's ever a concern!
- 30 minute **FULL BAND** period DURING RECESS once per week
 - During this time we learn how to play as a group.
 - Its one thing to play on your own, it's a whole other ball game when performing with others!
 - We are still working through uncertain COVID-19 guidelines, so there may still be some things we have to adjust like class sizes, spacing, or horn covers. All of these things are totally doable.
- Performances...
 - Holiday Concert (during the school day, in Dec.)
 - Spring Concert (1 evening in May)

Guidelines and Expectations for Band Students

1. All students are expected to bring their instrument and materials to school for lessons and band. Students will not be allowed to come to their lesson if they have forgotten their instrument and materials. After the third time, the director will place a call to the parents to discuss the issue.
2. All students are expected to come to all lessons, full band, and concerts. The director will remind the student the first time. After the first instance, punishment will result in missing the lesson and earning an "o". The third time a student makes an "o"; the parent will be notified. Any student that misses a concert without written notification and approval will not earn a certificate and continued involvement in the program will be in jeopardy.
3. All students are expected to practice!! It is expected that students will practice every other day or 4 days a week for approximately 20 minutes each time. It is imperative that all students practice regularly and come to their lesson prepared. The director will not tolerate lessons that have not been practiced or students that come to full band rehearsals unprepared. If a student is continually coming to lessons unprepared, the director will not hear the lesson, and contact home will be made.
4. DO NOT let others play with your instrument. The instruments are not toys and can easily be broken by someone that does not know how to handle them. Also, letting others play your instrument is a good way to pass germs!

By signing the form below, you are agreeing that you have read and understood *The Guidelines for Band students*.

****You will electronically sign this form when filling out your child's Information and Registration. ****

INSTRUMENTS

Options....

- Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Percussion
- Alt. Choices- Oboe, French Horn, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INSTRUMENTS...

- Brass Instruments require valve oil
 - Typically \$1-4 depending on type
- Some of the choices require a reed. It's typical to expect 1-2 reeds per month. I recommend always having 2 on hand. Prices vary between \$1.60-\$13.00
- Flutes will need a cleaning cloth. A simple piece of old t-shirt works great!
- Students will require a **lesson book**. Mrs. Crouse will be able to purchase them at a discounted rate of **\$6.00**. Please send money in at first lesson.

HOW TO GET AN INSTRUMENT

Options...

- Rent-to-Own
 - Monthly Price over X number of months, at the end you own the instrument
 - Robert M. Sides (info in packet)
 - Comes here to the school weekly (no driving for you)
 - If needed they are located in State College
 - Maintenance & Repair/ IRP
 - Covers anything that happens
 - If the student quits, instrument returned, no penalty to you, the payments just stop.
 - Options if the student decides to switch instruments
 - 100% of what you have paid is transferred to new instrument
 - Trusted Quality Horns!!!!
- Used local instrument
 - Mrs. Crouse has a list of people in the area whose child no longer is in the program and they are selling the instrument. First come, first serve.
 - May need repairs, but there are plenty of options for that
- Online
 - Make sure to compare apples to apples
 - Brands can matter and definitely affect the price

- Family/Friend
 - Always worth asking!! Many people have gotten lucky with their friends on Facebook too!

- School
 - We do have a limited number of school horns available for families that have a true financial need!
 - Please see Mrs. Crouse if this applies to your situation.
 - Some of the bigger instruments are available to everyone on a first come/first serve basis.
 - Examples...
 - Baritone Horn, French Horn, Bass Clarinet,

STUDENT INFO & REGISTRATION

Please follow this link to fill out your child's information and registration for band.

<https://tinyurl.com/y6s76cab>

Additional Info....

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