

5TH GRADE BRONCO BAND

Welcome to the Bronco Band Family!



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5TH GRADE BAND SCHEDULE

11:10 - 11:55

Students will be divided into 2 teams.

Teams placements will be announced at the beginning of the year.

* Team 1: Band on M/W/F during first semester, and T/Th during second semester

* Team 2: Band on T/Th during first semester, and M/W/F during second semester

5TH GRADE ENRICHMENTS

- All students who sign up for band are guaranteed to be in the class.
- Students will attend other enrichments the opposite days of band.
- All 5th Grade enrichments meet at the same time everyday.
- Students not enrolled in band will automatically be enrolled in all 5 non-band enrichments: Gym, Art, Stem, Music (*w/ Mr. Rich*), Computers
- **Band is a year long enrichment!**

5TH GRADE BRONCO BAND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



CONCERTS

Demonstration Concert	Tuesday, Dec 8	6:30pm	HS Centerstage
Spring Concert	Tuesday, May 11	6:30pm	HS Centerstage

Concert Attire - Nice "church" clothes *Please no jeans, shorts or athletic attire*

GETTING AN INSTRUMENT



Instrument Rental & Purchase Information

We highly recommend **renting through Meyer Music's rent-to-own program**:

- Rental payments go toward owning the instrument
- Low-cost way to ensure a **high-quality instrument**
- Option to **return or exchange at any time without penalty**
- **Repairs are included** in the rental price
- A Meyer Music representative visits the school weekly to **pick up and return repairs**

Instruments rented through Meyer Music will be **delivered directly to the school**, labeled with your student's name, and distributed during band class.

Important Notes About Other Vendors

If families choose a vendor outside of the district's preferred provider, all responsibilities for **repairs, maintenance, and replacements** will fall on the family.

Please **DO NOT purchase instruments from Amazon or Walmart**.

If the instrument comes in a color, it is not recommended. These instruments often break quickly and are typically **not repairable**.

Buying an instrument is like buying a car—quality matters.

Already Have an Instrument?

Please bring the instrument to school so a director can check that it is in working condition, **or** take it to a repair shop such as Meyer Music.

Thinking About Buying Used?

- Review the next page for required specifications
 - Feel free to **email us a listing for a second opinion** before purchasing
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Financial Assistance

- We will **never turn a student away due to financial circumstances**.
- We are committed to working with every family to ensure each student has access to a **high-quality instrument** and can fully participate in band.

QUALITY INSTRUMENT CHECKLIST



If you are renting from Meyer Music the instrument will meet these requirements.

☐ INSTRUMENT IS A REPUTABLE BRAND

Flute

Yamaha, Trevor James, Armstrong, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Powell, Emerson, Pearl

Clarinet

Buffet, Yamaha, Buckon, Selmer, Jupiter, Vito

Alto Saxophone - *Must have a neck strap!*

Yamaha, Cannonball, Jupiter, Selmer, Conn (Conn - Selmer), Buescher

Trumpet (or Cornet) - *Must have working 3rd valve slide with ring*

Bach, Yamaha, King, Getzen, Conn (Conn-Selmer)

Trombone

Yamaha, Bach, Jupiter, King, Getzen, Conn, Selmer

☐ INSTRUMENT IS IN GOOD PLAYING CONDITION

- Flute/Clarinet/Sax - Pads are not damaged or worn out
- Clarinet/Sax - Mouthpiece & ligature are not chipped
- Trumpet - Tuning slides easily move & has 3rd valve ring
- Trombone - Slide moves easily

“Nothing discourages a child from playing music more quickly than an instrument that doesn’t perform well – and a bad instrument is a very bad reason for any child to lose interest in music.”

Please do not buy an instrument from Amazon, Walmart etc. If it comes in different colors, don’t buy it.

5TH GRADE BAND SUPPLY LIST



Easiest way to order quality supplies

Call or text Meyer Music (616- 975-1122) & pay

Items will be delivered to the school with your students name on it.

ALL INSTRUMENTS NEED:

- Essential Elements Book 1
 - *Included with Meyer Music rentals*
- Pencil

INSTRUMENT SPECIFIC SUPPLY LIST

Flute

- Cleaning rod - *plastic or metal*
- Cleaning cloth - *a piece of an old t shirt works great*

Clarinet

- Reeds - 1 boxes
 - Preferred brands - Juno OR Mitchell Lurie - size 3
 - Other reputable brands include - Rico Royal, Vandoren
- Clarinet silk cleaning swab
- Cork grease

coopersvillebands.org/reeds

**PLEASE DO NOT BUY OTHER
BRAND REEDS**

they do not work!

Alto Saxophone

- Neckstrap - *any color*
- Reed - 1 box
 - Preferred Brands - Juno - size 3 OR Vandoren size 2.5
 - Other decent brands include - Rico Royal, La Voz, D'Addario
- Cork grease
- Silk cleaning swab - *alto saxophone specific*

Trumpet

- Valve oil - *"Blue Juice" is best*
- Slide grease - *any brand*

Trombone

- Tuning slide grease
- Slide cream
- Small water spray bottle - *travel spray bottles work great!*

Please do not buy slide oil!

ADDITIONAL INFO



PRACTICING

- 3x a week for 15 minutes
- Practice = Better band experience & **progress**

STARTING AN INSTRUMENT

- Squeaks, weird sounds WILL happen -- We promise it will get better!
- **YOUR** encouragement goes a long way
- Learning an instrument is a process!
- Encourage your child to “perform” a song for you

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- **TRY!** Do your best everyday. *Your best will look different every day.*
- **BE PREPARED DAILY**
 - Instrument
 - Essential Elements Book & sheet music
 - Pencil
- **ONLY WATER** during class
- **EMBRACE THE STRUGGLE**
 - Failure is part of the learning process
 - Progress isn't always upwards

BAND IS A FULL YEAR CLASS

- We believe that students need to experience a full year of band in order to make an informed decision on whether they like it or not.
- Our first real concert is in May, this is when the students feel confident and ready to perform on stage. After that concert students will have a better understanding if they enjoy playing an instrument and being part of an ensemble.