



September 3, 2019

5th GRADE PARENTS:

BAND!: On **September 16**, your child will be participating in the Band Demonstration Day. **All 5th graders** will be attending the presentation at the high school, which includes a musical performance by the High School Band and individual instrument demonstrations.

WHY JOIN?: Participating in music can be a very valuable experience for your child. Students that participate in music learn responsibility, develop strong work ethic, engage in teamwork, and develop an appreciation for music. Many students excel simply because music is a creative outlet.

CHOOSING AN INSTRUMENT: Mrs. Haffelder will meet with interested students one-on-one a few days after the presentation to help students try playing the instruments they are interested in.

The instruments your child will be choosing from are: **flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, and percussion***.

**There is a limit to the number of students that can play percussion – prior piano experience is preferred. For more information, please visit <https://www.fortschools.org/Page/649> or contact Mrs. Haffelder).*

SIGN-UP NIGHT: On **September 26**, from **3:15 – 7:00 pm**, there will be a Band Sign-Up Night at **Luther Elementary** school.

The Sign-Up Night is an open house, but with two Informational Meetings held at either 3:30 or at 6:00.

A Spanish Speaking Interpreter will be available.

In order to participate in band, each student will need an instrument. If you need to rent or buy an instrument, Breber Music Company will be at the sign-up night. Students that choose to play baritone or French horn may rent their instruments through the Fort School District for a nominal fee.

ALREADY IN ORCHESTRA?: Students in orchestra have the opportunity to also join band, but the responsibility of learning two instruments is not for everyone. In order to participate in both band and orchestra, students miss more class time for lessons and must practice more at home. If your child is interested in beginning a second instrument, please see me at the sign-up night. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Haffelder. Thank you!

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