

Band Parent Meeting



Ms. Czachor- West De Pere Intermediate Band Teacher

Schedule for the night

5:00-6:00 PM- Instrument fittings if students were absent or still unsure- in the band room

6:00-6:30 PM- Parent meeting- cafeteria

6:30-7:30 PM- Instrument fittings if students were absent or still unsure. Any student who is here by 7:15 PM will be guaranteed a chance to try instruments

Band Program Overview

- The schedule is that when students go to their music class, they will go to their band or choir class for 35 minutes, 3 times in a 6 day rotation
- Summer band lessons!
 - Week of August 5th and August 12th
 - That camp will help jumpstart learning their band instrument! Super important to make it if you are in town
- Students are committing to playing their instrument for the entire school year
- Our school district currently does not provide instruments for a majority of students. If your student is interested in band but you are worried about cost, please let me know and I'll do everything I can to make sure your student can get access to an instrument!

Which instrument will my student play?

- Students tried their top choice instrument with me in March/April. At that time, I verified if the instrument would be a good fit and if not, we tried at least one other one.
- Students received [this form](#). Please be sure to fill out the form!
- Still not sure which instrument is right, or student was absent on the day I was at their school?
 - Please visit one of the music stores-Jim's Music or Heid Music-to have your student try instruments there.

Expectations

Students will be expected to:

- Remember their class schedule for music
- Have all materials
- PRACTICE!
 - Parents- It's OK if you don't know anything about playing an instrument. Your support and encouragement is what your new to band student needs most!

But my kid is in...



Football and Band?!?!?!?



Concerts

2 concerts

- January
- May

Attendance is required

Attire- Currently ask that students wear nice clothes, anticipate the same for next year

Grading

Just like 4th grade, 5th grade will be standards based grading.

Students will be graded mostly on class participation/concert participation, practicing, and music knowledge (that we talk about in class!)

Practice logs and/or video playing assignments may be used to help me know where students are in their individual progress.

How to get an instrument

- Rent
 - Local music store options (Jim's Music, Heid Music)
- Purchase
 - Please purchase a quality instrument. Best options are to go to a music store. Or if going to purchase from Facebook marketplace or something similar, ask the seller if they have proof of recent service from a music store or if you can bring it in to have it looked at by a repair technician
- Borrow/hand-me-down
 - Once again, it's a really good idea to have it looked at by a certified instrumental repair technician
- Why is it important to have a quality instrument, especially if we aren't sure the student is going to stay in band or like it?
 - Cheap instruments break easily and often, which results in more money on repairs, more time getting fixed which means lost playing time
 - Instruments purchased on Amazon have a reputation of being poor quality...you get what you pay for!

Store Representatives

- There are two representatives from local music stores in our meeting as well.
- [Jim's Music](#)
- [Heid Music](#)

Recap

To make sure you are signed up for band next year, do the following:

- ❑ Instrument Verification Form needs to be completed
- ❑ Select band as your music option on another form for next year- will be sent home soon from 4th grade teachers
 - ❑ All 5th must choose between band or choir for next year, there is no general music option
- ❑ Be sure to rent/purchase an instrument **BEFORE** August 5th band camp!
 - ❑ Instruments that are rented will be sent to the Intermediate School to be handed out during band camp

Questions??

Ask now

Or

Email Ms. Czachor bczachor@wdpsd.com