



Summer Band Camp 2026



Dear Intermediate Band Students and Families,

Hello! My name is Ms. Becky Czachor, and I'm the Band Teacher at West De Pere Intermediate School. Whether your student is a new 5th grader or a returning 6th grader, I'm excited to work with them as part of the Intermediate School Band program!

I highly encourage all band students to attend Summer Band Camp in August. These sessions are a great way for students to either get started on their instrument or review skills from the previous school year before band begins again in the fall.

Students do **not** need to attend every session, but the more they attend, the more prepared they will feel when school starts. The same material will be taught both weeks to help accommodate vacations and other summer activities. For example, what is taught on Monday, August 3rd will also be taught on Monday, August 10th. **There is no registration or RSVP required.**

Summer Band Camp will take place in the Intermediate School band room. Students should enter through **Door 10** at the back of the school off Lourdes Ave. The band room is the first room past the cafeteria.

If your student rents an instrument through Heid Music or Jim's Music, it will be delivered to school and given to the student at their first lesson, whether that is at summer band camp or at the beginning of the school year.

Important Information

- Sessions run Monday–Thursday; Fridays are off.
- Students should attend the session for the **grade and instrument they will be in next school year**. For example, a student who is going to be in 6th grade and plays trumpet should attend the session at 3:00 PM.
- Any amount of attendance is beneficial, even if students can only attend a few sessions.
- Students who cannot attend will still receive the same beginning-of-year instruction in the fall.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. The back side of this letter has some common Q&A to review. The full schedule is on a separate page. I look forward to seeing students at Summer Band Camp in August!

Sincerely,
Ms. Czachor
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Q. In general, what supplies do all band students need to have/rent/purchase?

- A. All students need to have:
- o Instrument in good playing condition
 - o Extra reeds, valve oil, or key oil – additional supplies as needed, check with music stores

Q. My student is signed up for percussion. What supplies do they need?

- A. Percussionists will need to rent or acquire a snare and bell kit just like any other instrument for practice at home. They will also need drum sticks, and bell mallets. Percussionists will need to bring their kits for summer band camp as there is not enough equipment at school for the number of students playing.

Q. Can my student leave their instrument at school during summer band camp?

- A. During summer band camp, I would prefer that students take their instruments home. Students will be assigned a locker for the school year. Arrangements can be made if it's not possible for a student to bring their instrument back and forth to summer band camp.

Q. When will students need to start bringing their instruments during the school year?

- A. Students will NOT need to bring their instruments the first two days of school. Ms. Czachor will let the students know when to start bringing instruments.

PLEASE HAVE THESE SUPPLIES FOR THE SUMMER CAMP/START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!

Items listed below are what you need to keep your instrument clean and in working order. Please be sure you have the appropriate items listed below.

Flute: cleaning rod with a 6" x 6" piece of cloth or handkerchief, pencil

Clarinet: cleaning swab, 1 box of reeds (Recommended reeds Van Doren 2 ½), cork grease, pencil

Saxophone (for 6th graders only): cleaning swab, 1 box of reeds (Recommended reeds Van Doren 2 ½), cork grease, pencil

Trumpet & Baritone: valve oil, pencil

Trombone: slide oil, pencil

Percussion: Stick and Mallet Bag, pencil

Summer Band Camp Schedule 2026

- Weeks of August 3rd-6th and 10th-13th
- The schedule is the same for both weeks; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- At West De Pere Intermediate School- Band Room-enter from the back of the school (off of Lourdes Ave)

8:00-8:45	5th Grade Flute
9:00-9:45	5th Grade Clarinet
10:00-10:45	5th Grade Trumpet
11:00-11:45	5th Grade Trombone
1:00-1:45	5th Grade Percussion
2:00-2:45	6th Grade Saxophone
3:00-3:45	6th Grade Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion

- Please contact Ms. Czachor with any questions- email will be best during the summer- bczachor@wdpsd.com
- 6th graders are expected to play the same instrument they were playing in 5th grade