

Wapakoneta Middle School

Excellence in Education

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Dear 4th Grade Parents:

Next school year your son/daughter will have the opportunity to join band and become an active member of Wapakoneta City School's very successful instrumental music program. In order to acquaint your student with the various beginner instruments we will be conducting an instrument demonstration at your child's school on Friday, May 7th.

Part of the process of joining band includes having it on your child's schedule for next year. To make this process workable, we are asking for a **tentative** commitment from this year's 4th grade students for the upcoming school year. The 5th grade band classes at the middle school are arranged in two sections with one class being brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, and baritone) and the other being woodwinds (clarinet, flute, alto sax). To have the least disruptive scheduling process, we are asking for a **tentative** instrument selection this spring so we can schedule your son/daughter into the appropriate class in 5th grade. **This is only a tentative selection at this time!** At the beginning of next school year we will have a beginning band prep class (during regular band time) which allows us to teach music fundamentals, further assess and aide students in their instrument selection, and conduct a parent meeting to assist in the actual purchasing of instruments and supplies. Changing of instruments or instrument families is relatively easy until you actually order an instrument. If your student is interested in becoming a percussionist he/she will need to play a wind instrument until we have percussion auditions in the 6th grade. If you would like more information on this process, contact me at your convenience.

Enclosed with this letter is a form which needs filled out and returned to your student's homeroom teacher no later than Thursday, May 14th. After the demonstration on the May 7th, please discuss band with your child and decide which instrument/instrument family (brass/woodwind) they are interested in or if an interest exists. **Whether interested or not, each 4th grade student needs to return the enclosed form to their homeroom teacher by the due date.** Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

As an instrumental music department we offer opportunities for your child to participate in marching band, pep band, symphonic and concert bands, winter drum line, solo and ensemble competitions, OMEA honors band, OMEA honors jazz band, and OMEA state honors band just to name a few. Our bands have consistently had good showings at competitions and festivals. This is a great musical/educational opportunity for your child and we hope that you take advantage of the opportunity to participate.

I look forward to performing for your student on May 7th and having him\her in the band program next year. If you have any questions you may call the number or send an e-mail to the address below.

Musically,

Klayton Hilleary
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Wapakoneta City Schools
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Beginning Band Intent Form

Homeroom Teachers Name _____

Student Name (please PRINT legibly)

First _____

Last _____

My son/daughter is:

Interested in playing a woodwind instrument
(clarinet, flute, alto sax) _____

Interested in playing a brass instrument
(trombone, trumpet, baritone) _____

Not interested in being in band. _____

Parent Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

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