

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Students can be in band for the first time in 6th grade! Traditionally, we meet in the spring to try instruments. As we were unable to do that this year, this letter has information about some of those instruments as well as band class. If you would like for your student to take beginning band, please send an email to Mr. Roberts at robertsz@muschools.com.

Sixth grade band meets during the school day only. There are no after school obligations. There are no athletic conflicts. The only events outside the school day are the four concerts performed throughout the school year. The students enrolled in band will begin the first day of school.

Students are invited to begin on the Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, or Trombone. If a student is interested in Saxophone, they should begin on the Clarinet. This helps the class model as well as the student develop the appropriate embouchure and breath support to begin Saxophone. This becomes an option as a seventh grade student.

Percussionists are assigned based on audition. All percussion students learn both bells and snare drum. We begin on the bells and then add more percussion instruments. Hand coordination and a strong sense of rhythm are required from the student to be considered for percussion. I limit the beginning band to 6 percussion students. Students with piano experience should consider this.

Our school works with Kincaid's Music for rent to own instruments. They have different rates for different levels of instruments. You can check them out at www.kincaidsmusic.com. You do not need an instrument until the second day of school!

Sincerely,

Zachary Roberts
Band Director