



**ARE YOU  
INTERESTED?**



Other than renting an instrument and purchasing a lesson book and music stand, there are no other charges for participation in the band program.

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO  
BE SENT HOME SHORTLY!!!!**

**Questions?**

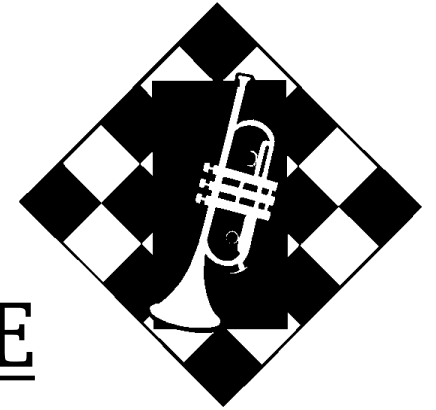
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**THE LAKEVIEW  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL**

**6TH GRADE  
BEGINNING BAND  
PROGRAM**



**Did you know?**

- \* As a 6th grade student, your child still has the opportunity to learn a band instrument as part of their school day?
- \* Researchers have found that band participation:
  - \* Enhances High Brain Function
  - \* Improves Reading & Math Performance
  - \* Raises IQ Scores & Proficiency Scores
  - \* Provides Important Experiences that can help physical coordination, timing, memory, visual, aural & language skills.
  - \* Enhances Cooperation Builds
    - \* Teamwork Skills



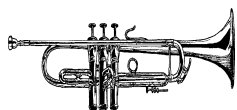
You might remember last year your child had the opportunity to learn to play a band instrument. As a parent of a sixth grade student, **you again have the opportunity to have your child become a part of the award winning Stow-Munroe Falls Band Program.** As part of the program your child will receive a half-hour lesson one day per week, during the school day. **The half-hour lesson** is a group lesson, with 'like' instruments. (all flutes come at one time, trumpets at another.) Within this class, students will learn how to play the instrument, read music, how to care for their instrument and how to practice.

Once your child has successfully started, he/she will be asked to attend a full band practice in addition to their half hour lesson. **Full band** is a combined group where all instruments play together. This will begin about the fifth week of instruction. In full band your child will learn music which will be performed at three concerts during the school year (December, March & May).

**O**n Thursday, September 8th, our band staff will present a short program demonstrating the instruments of the band in the Lakeview Cafeteria. Students will have the opportunity to try each of the band instruments listed below. This will give your child the chance to determine which instrument is best suited for him/her. The instruments that students may begin in 6th grade are listed below. (pictures are not to size or proportion)



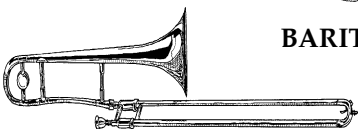
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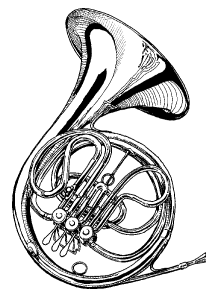


TROMBONE



TUBA

Are there any more instruments offered? YES. You may also choose from:



FRENCH HORN



BASSOON



OBOE

**Because we begin instruction on each of these instruments there are no prerequisites.**

***BUT THE INSTRUMENT I WANT TO PLAY IS NOT HERE???***

As Band Directors, we must balance the number of students who play instrument. Because of this, there are several instruments that are not offered to 6th grade beginning students. Several of these instrument including the Baritone, Tuba, French Horn, Bassoon and Oboe are instruments owned by SMF Schools. If you wish to play one of these instruments, one will be provided to you.

***I know my child wants to play in band, can I get an instrument & have him start before the school classes start?***

We have found that students develop bad habits that are difficult to correct when not taught to play an instrument correctly. **We highly recommend waiting until the child has been through the Demonstration Program before they select an instrument to play.** For a beginning band student nothing is more frustrating than trying to learn an instrument for which they are not physically suited.

***I saw an instrument at a warehouse store that is very affordable, can I just buy this instrument for my child to use.***

**We do not recommend instruments sold by non-music stores.** Most of these instruments are imported and are not of an acceptable quality for your child.