

Information for 4th Grade Band

Instruments chosen through a process

- Instruments are reviewed in General music class with Mrs. Petro. Students then choose 3 that they would like to try out. They will be pulled from their General Music class(starting September 25th) to try those 3 instruments and then they will choose their 2 favorites.
- Miss Cichanowicz(Orchestra) and Mrs. Britt(Band) will then balance instrumentation between the ensembles.
- A letter and permission slip is being sent home by the classroom teachers.
- After the students try out the instruments, you will receive a letter from us with the instrument assigned from one of the favorites(by the end of September).
- You will then have time to rent an instrument (info for this will be sent home). Lesson books are provided by the school

There are 2 parts to the program

Lessons and morning rehearsals

Lessons:

- They are in school(30 minutes) on one of the letter days in the 6 day Iroquois cycle.
- Lessons will always be on the same letter day(either D or S) but the times rotate each lesson so they are not pulled from the same part of their day.
- They are grouped according to instrument.
- Students will receive a lesson schedule from us when all of the instrument assignments have been finalized.

Morning rehearsals:

- Rehearsals are in the morning before school on D and S days but will not begin until some time in the second semester because they need to learn how to play their instruments before we can do that 😊
- Mark your calendars for our concert on Wednesday June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at IHS.

Practicing:

- We need your support with practicing to reinforce the skills that we have learned at school.
- For some, making it a part of the homework routine works really well and sets up a routine.
- Students will be shown how to practice effectively.
- We ask for a minimal time commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact us at
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We can't wait to start making music!