

6th Grade Band Information

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www.cjbands.org

2019-2020 Band Calendar (subject to change)

Thursday, August 29th - Instrument Rental Night - Jerry B. Stark Auditorium

Friday, December 20th - Holiday Assembly - Intermediate Gym - 8:30 AM

Thursday, February 27th - Winter Concert - 2/3 Gym - 7:00 PM (Report time 6:40 PM)

? - Band Festival Field Trip - Location and Date TBD

Thursday, May 14th - Spring Assembly - Intermediate Gym - Time 8:30 AM

Thursday, May 14th - Spring Band Concert - 2/3 Gym - 7:00 PM (Report time 6:40 PM)

Obtaining an Instrument

Over the course of the first two weeks of class, the band directors will work diligently to find out which instrument is the best fit for each student. While we try to get each kid on the instrument they are most excited about, this isn't always feasible. We look at a variety of factors including the way their mouths are set up, hand shape and size, and natural aptitude on the instrument itself. We strive to make sure a student is going to find success on the instrument they end up playing. After we determine which instrument your child will play, you will have several options in obtaining an instrument.

On **Thursday, August 29th**, Ernie Williamson Music will send a number of representatives to the CJ Auditorium. They will have new, like-new, and used instruments for rent. This is set up as a rent to own program. Generally speaking, instruments are set up on a 36-month installment plan. At the end of the 36 months, the instrument is yours to keep forever. You also have the option of buying the instrument outright. While most 6th grade band students decide to continue in 7th grade, some do not. If the student decides to not continue, you may return the instrument to Ernie Williamson Music and you will only be out the money for the months you have rented. On the other hand, if your kid decides band is the best thing since smartphones were invented, they might like to get a better instrument as their ability progresses (generally in 7th or 8th grade). If you are still on the installment plan, you may trade the instrument in for the full value of what you have paid so far and take that off the price of an intermediate or professional instrument. Many parents have told us that this is one of the nicer perks of the rental program. Instruments generally rent for \$25-\$35 per month. Service plans are also available for an extra fee. The service plan will take care of most repairs if an accident or a drop of the instrument were to occur. **The band directors strongly suggest using Ernie Williamson Music for getting an instrument.** Their instruments are of good quality and their service is great. Page 3 has more information about the instrument rental night.

Another option for getting an instrument is to purchase one from somewhere else. We like to say that you get what you pay for. There are plenty of good used beginner instruments available online whether locally or not. However, a brand-new instrument should not cost less than \$300. There are many online ads that say "band-director approved" which are unfortunately, bold-faced lies. These instruments tend to be cheaply made, fall apart easily, and can become irreparable. The worst part is that they are very difficult to play and students that own them tend to not be as successful. **Please email a band director with the link and we can tell you what you are looking at.** The band directors have a very good knowledge about most of the brands out there since we have seen so many over our years of experience.

Please check the Instruments for Sale page of www.cjbands.org for instruments being sold by current/former CJ Band students. These instruments are usually kept in the band office for kids/parents to look at before buying.

The other option is to use an instrument you already own. Sometimes this works and sometimes it doesn't. If the instrument has been sitting in a case for 20-30 years untouched, it may be unusable. However, it may be repairable. Please send the instrument to school in the first couple of weeks or bring it to the rental night. One of the band directors will look over the instrument and offer suggestions about repairs needed or usability.

Grading

Daily Points: Each class period is worth 10 points. These points may be earned by being on time to class, arriving with all of the correct materials, working hard to complete assigned tasks, following directions, and having a positive attitude.

Playing Tests: Playing tests are assessments of a student's playing ability. While the point value may vary, they will usually be 20-30 points. These will be assigned several days ahead of time and will be performed in front of the teacher and class.

Traditional assignments: These assignments may include chromebook activities, concert reflections, vocabulary quizzes, note recognition activities, etc. These assignments will vary in point value in accordance with the length of the assignment.

Concerts: All performances are worth 100 points. The performance grade is dependent on being on time, bringing all necessary equipment, using good behavior at all times, being dressed in the correct attire, and performing to the best of their ability.

Concerts

Band students are expected to be at all band performances. While the work we do in class is important, each class period is preparation for a great performance. The two evening concerts have report times of 6:40 and begin at 7:00. They will conclude by 7:30. The two assemblies will be in the morning and will be performed with the Treblemakers. Treblemakers and band share many students and they will be able to perform in both. The band festival at (TBD) will require a signed field-trip permission form which will be handed out closer to that date.

Concert attire is part of the grade for our performances. With the exception of the spring assembly, all band students will be required to wear all-black dress clothing. For ladies, this could be black dress pants, black dressy tops, black cardigans, black knee-length or longer skirts or dresses, and black dress shoes. For gentlemen, this could be a black polo shirt or button-up, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks, and a black tie. Our goal is to look uniform.

Performances are an important part of the band experience and, as such, are a part of our curriculum. Therefore, the performances are not considered optional. However, we do understand that some students will have extenuating circumstances that will make them unable to attend. Student illness, a death in the family, and other family emergencies will be counted as excused absences provided we have written documentation from the parent/guardian. An excused absence will require an alternative assignment in which the student may make up to 100% of the grade. An unexcused absence, such as purposefully skipping, sports games, staying home to watch a TV show, or being a competitor on Jeopardy will also lead to an alternative assignment. The student will only be allowed to make up 80% of their grade in a case such as this.

Instrument Rental Night

On Thursday, August 29th, the Carl Junction Band Program will be hosting an instrument rental night held in the Jerry B. Stark Auditorium. Please try to come during the suggested time slot for your child's instrument. Your child will know what instrument they are playing prior to the rental night. If not attending the rental night, please make sure your child has all the supplies needed by September 3rd.

6:00-6:30 Clarinet
6:30-7:00 Flute/Percussion/Saxophone
7:00-7:30 Trumpet
7:30-8:00 Trombone/Euphonium

The evening will be an open house and the time division is to make traffic flow easier. If you have a conflict with your time, you may come during a different time slot. If you cannot come to the night at all but still wish to rent an instrument, please contact:

Ernie Williamson Music
925 S. Rangeline Road Joplin, MO
(417) 649-3157 or (888) 849-9600
www.springfield-music.com

Ernie Williamson will be setting up rent-to-own contracts on new, slightly used, and used instruments. We have a limited supply of school-owned instruments for students financially unable to rent through Springfield Music or purchase elsewhere. If there are financial issues, please contact one of the band directors and we will work something out. We firmly believe that all students should be able to play an instrument regardless if they can afford to purchase one or not.

On the back of this sheet you will find a list of recommended brands and accessories for each instrument. Please be cautious when purchasing items from a source other than a reputable instrument store. Remember, you get what you pay for. Before purchasing an instrument online, it is important to send the link to a band director to make sure it is a good instrument. Having a well-made instrument is very important to the success of your child in band.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact one of the band directors. We look forward to working with all of our new Sixth Grade Bulldog Band Members!

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CJ Band Instruments/Supplies 2019-2020

Band Book

Tradition of Excellence Book 1
by Bruce Pearson

Music Stand

Wire Music Stand

Flute

-Suggested brands: Gemeinhardt/
Yamaha/Jupiter/Artley
-Cleaning Rod/Silk Cloth/handkerchief
-Thumb rest

Clarinet

-Suggested brands: Buffet/Yamaha/
Selmer/Artley
-Fobes Debut Mouthpiece
-Stock Metal Ligature
-Vandoren 2-1/2 reeds
-Reed Guard
-Silk Clarinet Swab

Alto Saxophone

-Suggested brands: Selmer/Yamaha
-Rousseau R4 or stock Yamaha mouthpiece
-Vandoren 2-1/2 reeds
-Reed guard
-Silk Saxophone Swab

Trumpet

-Suggested brands: Bach/Yamaha/
King/Jupiter/Conn/John Packer
-Bach 3C mouthpiece
-Al Cass Fast Valve Oil
-Tuning Slide Grease
-Mouthpiece brush
-Cleaning Snake
-Polishing Cloth

Trombone and Euphonium

-Suggested Brands: Bach/Yamaha/
King/Jupiter/Conn/John Packer
-Bach 6-1/2 AL Mouthpiece
-Al Cass Fast Slide Oil
-Tuning Slide Grease
-Mouthpiece brush
-Cleaning Snake
-Polishing cloth

Percussion

Bell/Snare Kit OR
Ludwig 2.5 octave Xylophone kit
Vic Firth Educator Pack 1