

Carl Junction 6th Grade Band Information

Obtaining an Instrument

DO NOT PURCHASE AN INSTRUMENT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE FURTHER COMMUNICATION!

Over the next weeks, we will be talking about the different instruments that students may play in beginning band. These instruments include flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and percussion. Typically, we spend time with each student trying out instruments. Because of the pandemic, this is not feasible. Even with the great disinfectant spray we use, there is too much risk. So, the students will give us their top three choices and we will work it out from that.

After the band directors and students work out what they will be playing, you will be responsible for getting that instrument in most cases. There are several ways to do this.

1. **You already own that instrument.** If you already own the instrument that your child will be playing, it will likely need to be serviced if it has been sitting around for a long time. Please take your instrument to Ernie Williamson Music at 925 S. Rangeline. There is a repair person on-site that will be able to look your instrument over and fix it.
2. **Renting an instrument.** Ernie Williamson is the go-to music store for the Carl Junction Band Program. You will be able to rent an instrument through them via their website (erniewilliamson.com), over the phone (417-624-3157), or in-store (925 S. Rangeline) or at **Instrument rental night on September 9th**. They offer instruments that are approved by the band directors at reasonable prices. Please see the attached sheets for more information about the rental program. **The band directors highly recommend going this route in securing an instrument.** If you do the online rental, the instruments will be delivered to the school for pick up.
3. **Purchasing a used instrument.** This way is fine if you know what you are buying. Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist regularly have good instruments for sale. However, if you aren't knowledgeable about instrument brands, please email Mr. Wadell the link so he can tell you if it is a good instrument or not (twadell@cjr1.org). 95% of the instruments that show up on an Amazon search are not recommended for purchase. They are cheaply manufactured. Kids have a hard time playing them and they tend to fall apart easily costing more in repairs than they are worth. Please refer to the list below when looking for instruments.

Brands recommended by the band directors (not all inclusive)

Yamaha, John Packer (JP), Conn, Selmer, Conn-Selmer, Bach, Gemeinhardt, Buffet, Cannonball, Jupiter, Artley, Armstrong, Backun, Vic Firth, Pearl, Mapex, Ludwig, King, Holton

Brands not recommended by the band directors (not all inclusive)

Mendini, Cecilio, Eastar, Eking, Kaizer, Glory, Eastrock, Jean Paul, Ashthorp, Rowell, Tromba, Lexington, Apelila, Glaary, Prelude, Lazarro, Herche, Nuvo, Hisonic, Roffee, Lagrima, Rochix, SKY, Costzon, Lauren, Lyxjam, ammoon, Muslady, Cocoarm, Benjamin Adams. Cool Wind, Queen Brass

We also realize that some of your financial situations at home could prevent obtaining an instrument. The school does own a few instruments that can be borrowed in cases such as this. So, please let us know if that is something that needs to be worked out.

Performances

As of now, there are five scheduled performances for the 6th grade band. These are, of course, at the mercy of the pandemic and may be cancelled if safety demands that. Students are to wear all black dress clothes for the concert. Black tops, black bottoms, black shoes.

December 21 - 8:30 AM - Band/Treblemakers Assembly (Parents are invited to attend)

March 1 - 7:00 PM - Evening Band Concert in a Gym or Auditorium

April ?? - Music Festival for Competition - The date will be announced at a later date

May 12th - 7:00 PM - Evening Band Concert in a Gym or Auditorium

May 19th - 8:30 AM - Band/Treblemakers Assembly

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Grading

Daily Participation: Students will be assessed on the skills that they work on in class. Having all necessary equipment and working diligently to get better during the class will be important in attaining a high score in these categories.

Playing Tests: Playing tests are assessments of a student's playing ability on certain skills. 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.

Concerts: Students will be given scores based on if they are on time, dressed correctly, arrive with the correct equipment, and perform to the best of their ability.

Questions?

Email Mr. Wadell - twadell@cjr1.org