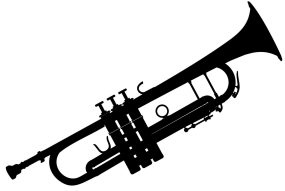


**Calling all rising 6th graders!**



**Join**

**the**



**BAND!**

**for the 2021-2022 school year**

*Music students out-perform non-music students on achievement tests in reading and math. Skills such as reading, anticipating, memory, listening, forecasting, recall, and concentration are developed in musical performance, and these skills are valuable to students in math, reading, and science*

*B. Friedman, "An Evaluation of the Achievement in Reading and Arithmetic of Pupils in Elementary School Instrumental Music Classes," Dissertation Abstracts International.*

*Nine out of ten adults and teenagers who play instruments agree that music making brings the family closer together.*

*Music Making and Our Schools, American Music Conference, 2000.*

Rensselaer Central Middle School

# BEGINNING BAND

April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you today to invite your rising 6th grade student to consider joining the Rensselaer Band Program. As a 6th grade student your child will have the opportunity to study a musical instrument and to gain valuable skills and friendships that will last a lifetime. There is an instrument for *everyone*! During the first year of band membership, students will learn the fundamentals of playing a musical instrument, as well as reading music notation and playing in a full ensemble. Students attend class every day and have some after school concerts. Through participation in band students can learn discipline, perseverance, and teamwork skills, all while making something beautiful and having fun!

Today, you student(s) had the opportunity to see, hear and learn about the various instruments they can play! Students were asked to complete an interest form ranking their top 4 instruments. We will be hosting an instrument fitting night **May 10, 5-7:30pm in the Middle School Cafeteria**. When fitting students, it is my goal to help a student find something they enjoy and will be successful. This factors physical characteristics such as hand size, braces and mouth shape. It is not uncommon that a student is unable to produce a sound on an instrument they ranked highest. I do my best to ensure every student is able to play the instrument of their first choice, though I may recommend something slightly different as a result of the fitting. Any student interested in percussion must have a back-up choice. Representatives from our Music Store, Paige's Music, will be on site to answer questions and help set up the rental process for those interested. You are not obligated to purchase/rent anything by attending. Please do not let finances prevent your student from this opportunity. We do have a limited supply of school-owned instruments that can be provided for those needing assistance.

**I ask that all families/students complete this registration form even if you are not interested in the band.** <https://forms.gle/G7MXJtjAzM1vomxJA>



I can't wait to meet our new youngest band musicians in the weeks ahead! Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. If you are unable to attend May 10th, please email me so I can set up a time that works for you.

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