

DISTRICT 87 BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome
to
5th Grade
Beginning Music
Overview

DISTRICT87

OFFERS A GREAT MUSIC PROGRAM

- ◉ BHS Band - Performed at IMEA Conference 2011
- ◉ District 87 - 5th Grade Orchestra performed at IMEA Conference 2012
- ◉ BJHS 7th Grade Band & 8th Grade Band - Division 1 - IGSMA Contest - 2010/2011/2012/2013/2015/2016/2017/2018/2019
- ◉ BJHS 6th Grade Band - Division 1 - IESA Contest - 2014/2015/2016/2018/2019 (Best of Day 2018)
- ◉ BHS Marching Raiders - Illinois State University Marching Band Finalist -2010/2013/2014/2018/2021
- ◉ BHS Wind Ensemble - Invited to Super State Competition - U of I - 2011/2012/2016/2017/2018
- ◉ BJHS Jazz Ensemble - Division 1 - IGSMA - 2010/2012/2013
- ◉ BHS Music Department to Disney World Thanksgiving 2013/2017
- ◉ BHS Concert Band - Class 1B First Place Band - Illinois State University High School Band Competition - 2014
- ◉ BJHS Jazz Ensemble - Performed at IWU Jazz Festival - 2015/2017/2018/2019/2021
- ◉ BHS Music Department to Outback Bowl - Tampa, FL - 2015-16

BENEFITS OF A MUSIC EDUCATION

- ◉ Music is an art form dealing with the language of emotions and feelings - Aesthetic Education
- ◉ Music offers lifelong Vocational and Recreational opportunities
- ◉ Students who take music classes at the High School score, on average, higher than their peers who do not. (College Board)
- ◉ Music offers your student a very positive social outlet.

FIFTH GRADE BEGINNING MUSIC CLASS

- 5th Grade Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will meet every morning school is in session at BJHS from 8:00 a.m. until 8:45a.m.
- BJHS will not open doors until 7:45 a.m. each day.
- Bussing is provided by the district for students that are eligible for bussing to the junior high school.
- Students not eligible for bussing to the junior high will need to provide their own transportation.
- Bussing is provided for ALL students after beginning music class to return to their respective elementary schools.

FIFTH GRADE BEGINNING MUSIC CLASS

❖ Who will be my teacher?

If you play a band instrument, you will work with several teachers...

Miss Brown

Mrs. Carnahan

Mr. Chernick

Ms. Kelly

If you play a string instrument in the orchestra, your teacher will be...

Mr. Mackinder

Mr. Zimmerman

If you sing in the chorus, your teacher will be...

Mr. Thomason

MATERIALS

- ◉ Band students will use “Measures of Success”, Book 1 for the instrument your child plays
 - E.G. Measures of Success- Book 1 for Flute
- ◉ Orchestra students will use “String Basics - Book 1” for the instrument your child plays.
 - E.G. String Basics- Book 1 for Cello
- ◉ Some stores include as part of the rental fee, some do not. Please ask your music store.
- ◉ Chorus students will need a 3 prong folder.

WHAT INSTRUMENT IS RIGHT FOR ME?

- All students thinking of playing an orchestra instrument must see Mr. Mackinder in the cafeteria before you leave tonight.
 - He will help you find the correct size instrument for your child.
- Band Directors are waiting in the cafeteria to help you try band instruments give you guidance on which instrument might be best for your child.
 - All Percussion students must be retested before they may sign-up for percussion. (See Ms. Brown)
 - All Oboe students must see Ms. Kelly before they may sign up for oboe.
- See Mr. Thomason if you would like to know more about singing with the chorus.

FINALIZING ENROLLMENT

- ◉ **Orchestra Students -**
 - After you visit with Mr. Mackinder please sign up on the instrument list, and then stop by the computer tables to complete the online registration process.
- ◉ **Band Students -**
 - If you know what instrument you want to play and do not need to try an instrument for your parents, simply sign up on the instrument list, then complete the online registration at the computer tables, and you are done!
 - If you need to try one or several instruments, please proceed to the cafeteria and visit with a band instructor. After you have made your instrument choice, sign up on the instrument list, then complete the online registration at the computer tables!
- ◉ **Parents of all instrumental music students -**
 - Make arrangements for an instrument by August 5, 2022. We would prefer that the music store hold your instrument and deliver it to us at BJHS for the first day of school.
- ◉ **Chorus Students -**
 - If you have questions about chorus, see Mr. Thomason. If not, simply sign up on the chorus list and then stop by the computer tables to complete the online registration

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT?

- Rent or Rent-to-Own: Most parents start out renting instruments for their student.
 - Lower initial cost.
 - Gives students a trial period.
- Borrow from family or friend
 - Make sure you understand who is financially responsible for maintenance and repairs, if necessary.
- Share the Music - The Music Shoppe
- Purchase
 - BUYER BEWARE!
 - Lower overall cost.

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - RENTING

- Federal Rent-to-Own Laws provide some consumer protections, but make sure that you know what your rights and responsibilities are under the contract.
- Each store has their own little twist on the rental program. Here are some questions you might ask:
 - Does any of the lease money apply toward purchase of the instrument or possibly a step-up instrument?
 - Do you offer a maintenance agreement/repair program?
 - Where are the repairs done? In-house or out of town?
 - Do you have loaner instruments for my student if a repair is needed?
 - How long do repairs usually take?

WHERE DO WE SUGGEST YOU START YOUR INSTRUMENT SEARCH?

◉ MUSIC STORES IN BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

- The Music Shoppe - Landmark Mall, College Ave. Normal
- Carl's Pro Band Repair - 1806 E. Empire St. Service Road, Bloomington

ATTENTION PERCUSSION STUDENTS:

Please be sure to get the required materials for District 87...The combo kit should have bells & stand, snare drum & stand, bell mallets, snare sticks (Practice pads are optional, but recommended)

SHARE THE MUSIC PROGRAM

- **The Music Shoppe, Normal**
 - Students are loaned instruments for the school year, based on availability
 - An application must be completed by the parent or guardian in order to qualify
 - Qualification is based on family income and number of family members living at home
 - The family must purchase the book and optional music stand, but a 20% discount is given
 - Since availability is based on donated instruments, some instruments may not be available.
 - Questions should be directed to Joy at The Music Shoppe - 309-452-7436.
 - Do you have an instrument to donate? Here is a great way to help music in Bloomington/Normal.

ROLLA KLEPAK FOUNDATION

- Partnership between IWU School of Music and District 87 Schools
 - Free lessons and instruments are available based on financial need (Free & Reduced Lunch Students)
 - Weekly lessons are provided by professionally trained music faculty
 - Some additional performance opportunities are included
 - An informational table is located in the instrument trial area in the cafeteria. Stop by for more information!

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - PURCHASE

- ⦿ **This is an important purchase and may well make the difference between your child staying in band & orchestra or quitting.**
BUYER BEWARE!!
- ⦿ Music industry has undergone an upheaval.
 - Market being flooded with sub-standard quality instruments from U.S. and around the world.
 - ⦿ Poor intonation - cannot play with others and sound in tune.
 - ⦿ Poor tone quality - cannot be made to play at an acceptable level.
 - ⦿ Poor hand position - may cause life long poor hand habits.
 - ⦿ Poor embouchure - may not allow your child to develop the correct embouchure and sound a tone.

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - PURCHASE

- Consequences of sub-standard instruments in our bands and orchestras.
 - Poor sounding bands and orchestras.
 - Higher student drop rate.
 - Lower student motivation.

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - PURCHASE

- Un-repairable Instruments
 - ◉ Many are considered disposable instruments.
 - No local repair shops will take them.
 - No parts.
 - Cannot warranty repairs
 - Often cannot repair one part of instrument without breaking another.
 - ◉ If they can be repaired:
 - Where do you have to ship them?
 - How long without instrument?
 - What condition when returned?

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - PURCHASE

- What to do?
 - Ask us first. If we don't know, we'll find out.
 - Ask a music store. (They will want to sell you their brands, but they are pretty accurate about sub-standard brands. They have likely looked at them to sell in their own stores.)
 - Ask a NAPBIRT certified repair technician. They have also looked at these instruments and know whether there are parts available and the reparability of these instruments.
 - Ask a musician. There are many local music teachers and music professors that will give their input if asked.
 - Go to the internet and visit an online group for the instrument you are looking at. There are usually hundreds of professionals and college professors that monitor these groups and are willing to talk to you about instrument purchases.

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT GETTING AN INSTRUMENT? - PURCHASE

- What do we want?
 - The right instrument to encourage your child's musical progress at the right price for your budget.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

◉ *Students are responsible for:*

- The care and maintenance of their instruments. Only **you** should play your instrument. Tell your parents if your instrument needs to be repaired.
- Remembering to have instrument, book, reeds, etc., at each lesson.
- Practicing over the weekend .
- Give your parents a recital on what you have learned that week.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

○ *Parents are responsible for:*

- Providing a quiet place for practice with a music stand.
- Showing interest in their child's practice.
 - Schedule weekend practice time. We suggest at least 15-20 minutes each day.
 - Ask your child to play for you.
- Helping their child care for their instrument.
 - Keep it in a safe place.
 - Keep it clean and maintained.
 - Take it to a repair shop if repairs are needed.

FINALIZE ENROLLMENT

- ◉ If you are playing a band instrument (Percussion/Oboe see below) and you know what instrument you want to play, you do not need to go to the cafeteria. Simply sign up on the appropriate instrument list, and visit the computer tables to complete the online registration process.
- ◉ QR CODE link to enrollment form - Complete on your own device and sign up on the instrument sheet.
- ◉ If you are wanting to play percussion, you must be retested before you can sign-up for percussion at the check-out table. See Ms. Brown
- ◉ If you would like to play oboe, you must talk with Ms. Kelly and try the oboe before signing up for oboe.
- ◉ If you are going to play a string instrument, Mr. Mackinder needs to see you to help size you for an instrument.
- ◉ Mr. Thomason is available to talk about chorus.
- ◉ If you need help in making your decision about which instrument to play, you should proceed to the cafeteria where there are instructors waiting to help you with your decision.
- ◉ Everyone must stop by the Computer Station on Stage to complete the online registration process.
- ◉ All registered families will receive a welcome email with additional details about 1 week before school begins.