



SIMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As a sixth-grader at **Sims Middle School**, your child finally has the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before them – **Be Part of the Music!**

We understand that COVID-19 has disrupted our normal routines, but Band is a great way to introduce normalcy back into our lives. After spending so long in isolation, Band is the perfect solution! Unlike many other electives, music is one in which you need other people in order to be successful. The teamwork, focus, and dedication learned in Band are skills that your child will utilize in every aspect of his or her life.

Since Band is offered as a class during the regular school day, your child will still have every opportunity to take part in any other activity they want! In addition, **Absolutely No Musical Experience Is Necessary!** With all of the big changes entailed by the transition into middle school, Band is a quick and fun way to make friends and have successes to celebrate, all while learning a new language -- MUSIC!

INSTRUMENT SELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Parents and Students

Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 closures, your child did not have the opportunity to participate in a demonstration at school of all of the instruments offered in Beginning Band, which are **Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, and Percussion**. Flute, clarinet, and trumpet typically carry melodies, while alto sax offers support to those melodies, and trombone and baritone provide the foundation for all of the band sound. Percussion consists of both drums and keyboard-style instruments to help keep the tempo of the group. Instruments are on a first come, first-served basis.

Although we still hope to host an in-school instrument selection at some point, there is no guarantee that conditions will be conducive to a large event before the start of school. In order to allow you a head-start on selecting and reserving an instrument, **Schmidt's Music** is offering a personal, CDC-compliant selection process (one student and parent per room, sanitizer, masks, etc.) for your child in their store.

Sims Middle School Beginning Band Sign-Up

Call Schmidt's Music to make an instrument selection appointment

(850) 434-0317

Schmidt's will also send me your information.

Participating in Band is not as expensive as you might expect. Class lessons are free of charge, and are provided during regular school hours. Local music stores offer special Rent-to-Own programs, which allow you to make affordable monthly payments toward the purchase of the instrument, but also allow return and exchange options as well, making Band a safe and wise investment in your child's future.

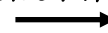
For your convenience, new and used instruments will be available for you to reserve at the time of selection. All interested students are encouraged to sign up for Band, regardless of musical background. Please see the enclosed information regarding other commonly asked questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Savage

Sims Middle School Band Director

Scan with your phone's camera and click on the
link for videos



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