

Instrument Selection Night!



Who: Anyone interested in taking band!

When: Wednesday May 22nd in the SMS Cafeteria.

If your **last name** is A-G come at 6pm, H-N at 6:30, O-T at 7pm, U-Z at 7:30pm. If you can't come at these times, come anytime between 6-8pm or contact me to reschedule for a different day.

What will happen: Band Directors and band students will show you how to play 12 different instruments. You and the director will come to a decision on which instrument you'll be best suited for!

F.A.Q.

Do we have to know anything about band to tryout the instruments?

Nope! We'll show you everything you need to know!

Why do we need to tryout each instrument?

Everyone's teeth, chin, tongues, and lips are shaped differently. Also the muscles in our faces work differently from one another. These differences make students naturally good at some instruments and not others. We want students to play an instrument on which they will be successful. This will lead to more fun and less frustration!

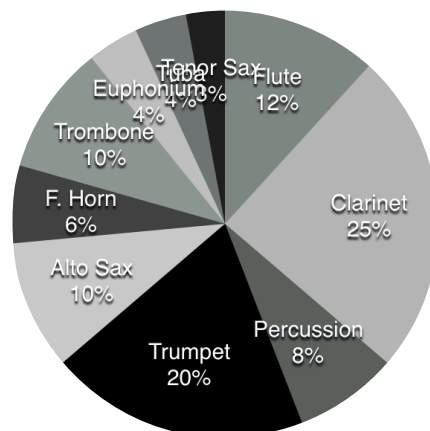
What if we already own a certain instrument?

If the student does well on that instrument in the tryout process I will certainly take it into consideration, but if they do poorly on that instrument, perhaps selling it and getting something they will be more successful with is a good idea.

How many of each instrument do you take?

We aim for around the following.

Flute - 12	Trombone - 10	Tenor Sax - 3
Oboe - 2	Euphonium - 4	Trumpet - 20
Bassoon - 2	French Horn - 6	
Clarinet - 25	Percussion - 8	
Alto Sax - 8	Tuba - 8	





6th Grade Band Info!

About the band!

The Shelburne Band has a long tradition of excellence! We have two band directors, Mr. Nesmith and Mr. Wilson. About 40% of 6th graders enroll in band! Come see what band is about at our end of the year concert on April 7th at 5pm in the Lee High School Auditorium! Also check out our Instagram!
<https://instagram.com/shelburneband/>

How does someone join band?

Step 1: When guidance comes to register you for 6th grade classes, pick band for one of your electives!!!

Step 2: You and your parents will come to the “Instrument Selection Night” on May 22nd at Shelburne Middle School. See the back of this page for more info on that night!

Does Band conflict with sports?

Not at all! Band is a class that you take during the day. Sports happen after school. While we do have some fun after-school music groups like jazz band, these are optional. The only required events outside of normal school hours are the winter and spring concerts.

What instruments can I play?

Students can start 6th grade on flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion. Toward the end of their 6th grade year they can audition for other instruments such as bass clarinet and Bari sax.

Where can I get instruments and how much do they cost?

This information will be given out at the instrument selection night in May. Most students rent instruments for a small monthly fee from a local music store. Please do not buy or rent an instrument until instructed to do so!

What performance opportunities are available?

Our students love participating in the Halloween Concert, Winter Parade, Winter Concert, Band Banquet and the Spring Concert. 7th Graders also perform at JMU and 8th graders perform at Kings Dominion!

We look forward to having you in band class!!!

Please contact Mr. Nesmith for more info!

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