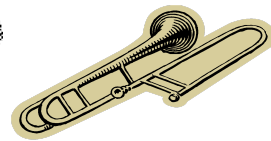
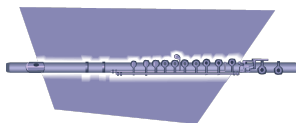




Cuthbertson Middle School

Your Child Is Invited To Join The Band!



Dear Parents,

The Cuthbertson Middle School Band Program is looking for *talented, excited, and hard-working* individuals to join our 6th grade Beginning Band. Students are not required to have any prior musical knowledge or training to join the band; they will learn to read music and play one of the band instruments.

This year's beginning band class is now being organized and I want to make sure that you choose music to be a part of your child's life! Increasing academic demands have provided little if any time for creativity and few opportunities to develop personal creativity. As parents, you make decisions each day about what is best for your child, often with little or no concrete information or certain outcomes. With music, you can be sure that you are making the right decision for not just next year, but for the rest of their lives. Study after study has shown that learning to play an instrument has tremendous benefits on our young people's minds.

To register your child, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Have your child visit our website: <https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/group/index.php?id=5351>
2. Have them watch the instrument demonstration videos.
3. Fill out the interest form at the bottom. Hit Submit.



I will be in touch after that. Sign them up for music, and I will help bring out a part of them you might not even know is there.

FAQ's: What instruments can students play?

Woodwind instruments: Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone.

Brass instruments: Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, and Baritone

Percussion: by audition during the 2nd 6 weeks. Interested students should choose a Woodwind or Brass instrument to play first.

Can students do band AND sports?

Yes definitely! Band meets during the class day and sports meets after school.

Do students need to know anything about music before joining? No, everything will be taught in class. If students have piano or guitar experience, this will be helpful!

What if I am not sure if I want my child to do music? Remember when your children wouldn't eat the food you made for them? You always said, "Try it before you decide you don't like it." Music is the same way. Your child should sign up for band even if you or they are unsure. If at some point you decide that music is not for you, they can drop the class. It is much easier to drop something after trying it, than to join late when everyone else has already started.

We have a great time making music and offer many opportunities for students to be successful! If you have any questions please contact Katie.ebert@ucps.k12.nc.us. I look forward to meeting your child soon!

Cuthbertson Middle School Band

INSTRUMENT RENTAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 19th 6:00pm, Zoom link

<https://guitarcenter.zoom.us/j/99551615137?pwd=eXRG74FRb1KfRgTiMseykasLqdmQ48.1>

At the meeting you will be able to:

- Meet the Band director Mrs. Ebert
- Make arrangements to rent an UPGRADED instrument for your child to play
- Ask questions to the band director or music store
- Students can get advice on their best fit band instrument to make a final selection.

YOU WILL NOT GET THIS SAME DEAL BY GOING TO THE MUSIC & ARTS STORE LOCATIONS! Signing up for an instrument rental at this meeting guarantees that a student will receive the specialized instruments and upgraded accessories selected by the Cuthbertson Middle School band directors. By visiting the music store itself, you will NOT receive these specific instrument models/brands chosen for quality and durability.

FAQs for Band

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3. Fill out the interest form at the bottom. Hit Submit.
- 4. You will receive a packet of middle school information, including a band registration card. Check band and which instrument they would like to play. Return to your child's homeroom teacher.**

Do I have to know anything about music to join the band?

Everything you need to know in order to read music and play an instrument will be taught in the band class. If you have any previous training in music it will be VERY helpful but it is NOT mandatory. The only prerequisites for joining the band are a great attitude, a desire to be in the band, a willingness to work hard, and a readiness to have FUN!

How does the band schedule work?

Band class meets every day and students will take Band and PE for the full year. Only students who choose band on the registration card will be scheduled for the band class. Students who do not sign up for band will be put on the wheel which is a 6 week rotation of Performing arts, Chinese, French, Art, French, and STEM/Careers. Students have to take all 6 classes during the year and do not receive any advantages with language class scheduling.

If I join the band, will I still be able to play sports and participate in clubs?

Definitely! Many band members play on school and club athletic teams. Students are also active in clubs and many other school organizations. 6th grade band members have only two required concerts and no after school commitments. Additionally, many students across the nation who study music find that their grades and test scores are often much higher than that of their classmates.

What if I don't know what instrument I'd like to play?

You will have the chance to try the different instruments to decide which instrument is best suited for you. Keep in mind what instruments you like and which one you try out the best on. This will make you very successful!

Does it cost a lot of money to be in the band?

The main cost to be in band is your instrument. Absolutely NO student will be turned away from the band due to an inability to pay for an instrument.