

Boyertown Area School District Elementary Band

August, 2022

Dear Parents,

Today your child had the chance to see a demonstration of many different band instruments. We hope they found an instrument they wanted to play! Playing a band instrument is a truly exciting opportunity for any student! Most students who play musical instruments tend to have higher levels of self-esteem and score higher on standardized tests. Along with these benefits, students will learn how to work together as a team, and create life-long friends through music!



To register your child for band lessons please complete the registration form, which can be found on our website <http://bit.ly/BASDElemBand> no later than Tuesday, September 6th. Or Scan this QR Code to be taken to the Registration Form

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 7 PM in the cafeteria at Middle School East to discuss rental options and share the details of our program.

An overview of the elementary band program:

- **Lessons:** Students will receive a group lesson once every six school days at their homeschool. Students are pulled out of class on a rotating basis so they are not always missing the same class. Students are responsible for the work they miss during class.
- **Band rehearsals:** Rehearsals take place at Gilbertsville Elementary School from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Parents are responsible for dropping their child off; district buses will take the students back to their home school. The detailed schedule will be shared at the parent meeting on September 8th.
- **Practice Expectations:** Students are encouraged to practice 5-7 days in between lessons. Frequent practice is the most important factor in the success of a music student. Please evaluate your home schedule to see if you are able to dedicate this amount of time to your instrument.
- **Cost:** Lessons and band are included in the district's program. Students/parents are responsible for the instrument and accompanying materials.

Instruments

- Students will supply their own instrument, with the exception of the euphonium/baritone, either from a rental company (see below), an instrument from home that is in playing condition, or other purchase.
- Students playing the ***Euphonium/Baritone*** may receive a school district owned instrument, depending on availability. If we have more students choose to play these instruments than available instruments, students will be chosen by a lottery system. If your child does not receive a BASD instrument through our lottery system, one may be obtained from a rental company.

Rental Companies

- We offer services from Menchey Music Service Inc. and Zeswitz Music. Both make weekly visits to BASD schools and will deliver instruments in time for distribution at the first lesson the week of September 20th.
- You can view the different rental options available on these websites:
 - <http://www.shopmenchey.com/aeRntSchoolSelect.aspx>
 - <https://www.zeswitzmusic.com/>

*****PLEASE DO NOT ORDER YOUR INSTRUMENT UNTIL *AFTER* THE PARENT MEETING*****

Parent Lessons and Instrument Distribution

Your child will receive their rental instrument and all other materials during our Parent Lessons. You will need to attend the meeting on the 8th AND one of these parent lessons. At this lesson we will show students how to make a basic sound and put together their instrument. It is imperative that you attend this lesson with your child so they are prepared for their first lesson during the school day.

Monday, September 19	Tuesday, September 20
4:00 Flute	4:00 Percussion
5:00 Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone	5:00 Clarinet, Saxophone
6:00 Clarinet, Saxophone	6:00 Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone
7:00 Percussion	7:00 Flute

Unfortunately, we are not able to schedule your child for lessons if a parent/guardian does not attend this important parent lesson. Please notify one of us if you are unable to attend so we can make accommodations.

Please discuss this wonderful opportunity with your child. We firmly believe that every student should be given a chance to play a musical instrument. Who knows? We may discover a hidden talent that might not have been uncovered in your child before they joined the band! Please feel free to contact your child's director with any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you and working with your child to develop their musical talent!

Please visit our website: <http://bit.ly/BASDElemBand>

Thank you,

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