



# BE PART OF THE BAND!

As a future 6<sup>th</sup> grader, you finally have the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before you, Be Part of the Band! We know that for many of you, this will be your first exposure to music education and we wanted to take a brief minute to share some information with you.

Being a member of the band is more than just playing an instrument. It is immersing yourself in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about education. It challenges each member to use the creative side of the brain while, at the same time, learning a foreign language...MUSIC.

Current scientific research clearly shows that students involved in music education perform at a high academic level as well. But, more importantly, studies are showing that music students are less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drugs and alcohol.

Every destination starts with a decision to embark on a journey. Now is the time to start yours in music and Timberstone is just the place to do it. We can't promise that everybody will be a musical prodigy, but we can promise you will learn, laugh, and grow along the way.

## 5 Reasons to Join Band

5. Constant learning: Music is one pursuit students where you are always learning something new.
4. Fosters creativity: Above all, playing music -- particularly as students advance -- is a creative pursuit.
3. Discipline and patience: The discipline required to master an instrument is also helpful in your child's everyday life when coping with difficult tasks.
2. Better intellectual capacity: Countless studies have proven that practicing musicians at any age is more alert, which can lead to better memory retention.
1. FUN! That's right, FUN! Your child can make music with friends, travel around Ohio and the Country to perform, and represent their school while earning credit for graduation.



## Band Fittings?

You wouldn't buy a pair of shoes without trying them on first! Instruments are the same way.

At your fitting, you'll meet one of the Band Directors, actually get to play the instrument you're interested in, receive information on how to acquire an instrument, and MORE!

You're going to get to play the instruments you're interested in to see if it's a good fit for you.

For example, a percussion fitting is extensive because we are looking at your hand-eye coordination, ability to follow directions, ability to maintain a steady tempo, and capability to learn two different instruments at the same time.

Brass and woodwind fittings look for your ability to produce the correct sound, hold the instrument appropriately, and so on.

**NOTE:** All students interested in Percussion and Saxophone are REQUIRED to come to a fitting.

## How to Register for Band:

**1. Complete the easy on-line Interest Form. In the form, you'll have an option to schedule a more specific time for your fitting.**

(<http://bit.do/6thGradeBand>)

**OR Turn in the attached information sheet when you arrive at fittings.**

**Monday 1/29 from 5-8pm**

**OR**

**Thursday 2/1 from 4-8pm**

**\*Fittings will be at TSJH, in the band room**

**3. After fittings, we will make sure that your information gets to the JH Guidance office. But, you still need to make sure you fill in the appropriate information on your future band member's scheduling worksheet at school.**

Band at Timberstone is a year-long, graded course. Each 6<sup>th</sup> grade band member will have rehearsal 3 days a week, 4 performances throughout the year, and the chance to participate in several optional performance settings. This course does require the acquisition of an instrument and method book. We'll have instrument information at the fitting nights. If your family budget doesn't have room for this, please contact a director, we may be able to help you out.



# 2018/2019 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Permission Form

You can EITHER complete this form online or fill out and bring it with you to the instrument fitting

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Current School \_\_\_\_\_ JH Attending: AH MC TS

Please rank the top **two** choices of instruments your child is interested in playing.

\_\_\_\_ Flute 

\_\_\_\_ French Horn 

\_\_\_\_ Clarinet 

\_\_\_\_ Trombone 

\_\_\_\_ Saxophone 

\_\_\_\_ Baritone 

\_\_\_\_ Trumpet 

\_\_\_\_ Percussion\*  &   
Drum

**\*Saxophone:** students wishing to play this instrument **MUST** attend a fitting or will be asked to pick another instrument.

**\*Percussion:** Please note that percussion includes both bells and drums. **ALSO**, for any student wanting to try this group of instruments, they **MUST** attend a fitting. (First 8 students to match fitting requirements will be selected per Junior High Building.)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fitted By \_\_\_\_\_

Final Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_