

# Welcome To WVMS' Band!



With August 31st approaching quickly, many students and parents have questions about band . . . .  
. . .how can I be in it? When is it? Do I need to buy my own instrument? What instrument should I  
play? What do I need to bring on the first day of school?

And the answers are:

1. If you are not signed up for band, please call the WVMS counseling office to enroll (972-5717)
2. Band is a class during the school day, and it lasts all year.
3. Incoming 6th grade students should already have an instrument from last year (either you rented it, bought it, or had one in your family from an older sibling, etc.) Incoming 5th grade students don't need an instrument right away, because we will be learning about instruments during the first week of school, and then parents can attend Ted Brown Music's rental night to begin renting an instrument.
4. Incoming 6th graders should continue playing their 5th grade instrument at the beginning of 6th grade, and we will hold auditions to switch instruments in October, after our first concert. Incoming 5th graders will be able to choose from flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone. After our holiday concert in December, we will hold auditions to switch to percussion.
5. The only thing you need to bring to band on the first day of school is a pencil! We will let 6th graders know when to bring instruments (either on the 2nd or 3rd day of school), and 5th graders won't start bringing instruments until after rental night (probably the second week of school).

If you have other questions that I can answer, please feel free to give me a call or send an email. Looking forward to seeing you, and welcome to the WVMS Bands!

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