



## Memorial Middle School Music 2019 – After School Beginner Band

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After School Beginner band is an extra-curricular band class for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Band members will learn how to read music, play a band instrument of their choice and perform in two concerts. To join, fill out this sign-up sheet and return it to Mr. Schaefer by Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Rehearsal Schedule:

After School Beginner Band will meet every Thursday after school in the music room (room 23). Rehearsals end at 3:30. Students should be picked up at the main entrance before 3:45 PM. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, but I encourage all students already signed up or interested to attend a meeting this Thursday, 9/12. At the meeting, I will show the different instrument options and give more information about rentals.

### Instruments:

Students in beginner band can choose from the following instruments:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Percussion (drums and xylophone)

For more information about the instruments and rentals, visit the Beginner Band webpage. Go to [wpschools.org](http://wpschools.org), navigate to "Memorial" (under "schools") and scroll down to "quick links" and select "music".

In order to have a balanced band, there will be a limit to how many instruments there are in each section. Please meet with Mr. Schaefer at lunch to try out the different instruments before selecting one.

### Rentals:

You will need an instrument for band. I strongly encourage beginning students to rent an instrument rather than purchase. Most students rent their instruments from **Music & Arts** in Wayne. You can order the instrument on their website and they will deliver the instrument to Memorial free of charge. You will also need a **Standard of Excellence Book 1** for your selected instrument. You can purchase one from Music & Arts when you rent your instrument.

Visit [stores.musicarts.com/wayne-nj](http://stores.musicarts.com/wayne-nj) for more information or email Mr. Schaefer at [eschaefer@wpschools.org](mailto:eschaefer@wpschools.org).

### Concerts:

Beginner Band will perform at the winter and spring concerts. These performances are mandatory:

- Holiday Concert at Memorial School – Wednesday, 12/18 @ 7:00 PM
- Spring concert at Memorial School – TBA

# Beginner Band Sign-Up



*\*if you signed up at the end of last year, you do not need to sign up again*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to participate in After School Beginner Band. I am aware of the rehearsal schedule and concert dates. I understand that my child needs to be picked up from school before 3:45 on Thursdays.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*a frequently checked email address will be used to share changes in rehearsal schedule, reminders and other communication*

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Mr. Schaefer by Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>