

Flossmoor School District 161 5th-8th grade Students & Parents:

It's Time to Sign Up for Beginning Band! Come Out and Try the Instruments!

Flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone and tuba - An appointment sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer of Parker Junior High on Tuesday, September 7th during the school day. You also have the option to sign up for a time on the day of instrument tryouts, **Wednesday, September 7th, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Plan to stay about 45 minutes after your appointment begins. This will allow us time to find an appropriate instrument for you child, to visit with the Quinlan and Fabish representative, and to order your child's band shirt. **Appointments will not be made by phone.**

Saxophone - Our limited number of saxophone students need to be musically strong students willing to participate in our jazz program. For this reason all students wishing to play the saxophone must start on the clarinet. Some of these students will be invited to switch to saxophone after the Winter Concert. Previous ownership of a saxophone is not a consideration in who is selected to switch.

Percussion - Our percussionists play a full range of mallet and auxiliary instruments, as well as the snare drum. Students with at least two years of recent piano experience are invited to tryout on the bells during Beginning Band Sign-up Night on September 7th. These students will be assessed on their rhythm, mallet reading skills, and knowledge of musical notation.

Percussion positions are limited, so all students who wish to tryout for percussion will also be asked to choose a woodwind or brass instrument. Students who are not chosen for the percussion section may participate in band on their second choice of instrument. All students trying out for percussion will be notified in a timely manner.

Quinlan and Fabish, a reputable music company that services our school, will be at Parker Junior High on Thursday, September 7th, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. They will present information to you regarding instrument rental and purchase. You are not obligated to rent or buy your instrument through this company. However, Quinlan and Fabish makes weekly service visits to our school, which makes repairs and maintenance very easy and convenient. You will have the opportunity to make financial arrangements to reserve an instrument, book, and music stand, which are required for your child's first lesson. **If you already have an instrument, please bring it with you so that we can check to see that it is in playable condition.** More information regarding the Flossmoor School District 161 Band Program will also be available at this time.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your school by Friday, September 2nd. We are looking forward to meeting the new band students and parents!

Sincerely,

Ms. Panner
647-5476

Mrs. Hoefle
647-5474

A decorative border consisting of a continuous line of musical notes (treble clef, quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes) runs along the top, bottom, and sides of the page.

Beginning Band Interest Form

Student's name _____ Grade _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Parent's name _____

Home address _____

Home phone () _____ Work phone () _____

E-mail address _____

Please check one:

_____ We will attend the Beginning Band Sign-up Night on Wednesday, September 7th, in the Parker Junior High M.U.R. We will make an appointment when we arrive, or we will come to Parker to schedule an appointment in advance.

_____ We are interested but cannot attend. We will call 647-5476 or 647-5474 for an appointment.

My child is interested in playing the following instruments (please list three choices from those offered on the previous page):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____