

Noteworthy Information

- ♪ Instrument Fitting Appointments: Wednesday & Thursday, February 29 & 30, 2020. The fittings will be held in the gym at **Tharp Sixth Grade Building** and will take place from 4:00—8:00pm. Please visit the website to sign up for a time.
- ♪ Many enthusiastic, new band students may find it difficult to wait until their first band class to begin playing their new instrument! However, we recommend that students do not “explore” their new musical instrument on their own. Uninformed students can damage the instrument before class even starts. Also, early exploration can form many bad habits that could prohibit students from a successful start once organized instruction begins. Private lessons are an excellent option if you would like your child to have an early start.
- ♪ For those who already own an instrument: Please have the instrument checked by a quality technician to ensure proper working condition, especially if it has not been played in several years. Also, obtain the necessary supplies that are needed for your chosen instrument.
- ♪ Required items for band class:
 - A quality instrument with all the necessary supplies
 - Measures of Success Book 1
 - A pencil specifically for band class
 - Music Stand (optional)

www.hilliardschools.org/music

Parents are an equal part of the equation for successful music instruction. Please set aside a quiet place for music practice, preferably with a music stand. Encourage a daily practice routine of shorter amounts of time. Twenty minutes a day is more meaningful than 2 hours the day before class. We ask students to practice at least 15; minutes 4 days a week. Help your young musician establish positive practice habits that will build a lifetime of discipline and dedication in all aspects of life. Keep in mind as well, that success comes at different rates for different students — 2 months is not enough time to determine success. **The Band Staff recommends making a commitment to band for the entire school year.**

The Hilliard Band Program

Joining the band is

Easy As



Informational Parent Meeting
Monday, January 27
Tharp Sixth Grade Gymnasium
7:00PM

Dear Future Band Parents,
 Welcome to this evening's Beginning Band Informational meeting! Right now, your child is preparing for the next phase of their educational journey: Sixth Grade! As they are leaving elementary school, they are provided with the chance to play an instrument! The start of sixth grade is the only time Hilliard students can begin an instrument so we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity now! Although we will do our best to provide all of the necessary information in tonight's meeting, the Beginning Band website at www.hilliardschools.org/music (select Tharp Band under the 5th Registration tab) is another great resource to find answers to your questions. Feel free to contact any Hilliard Band Director throughout this process. Thank you for attending, and we look forward to our future partnership in the education of your child!

Sincerely,
 The Hilliard Band Staff



PARENT MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Short Demonstration of instruments
 About The Programs

Step One: CHOOSING an Instrument
 (Instrument Fittings)

Step Two: REGISTERING for the
 Band Program!

Step Three: Shop an Instrument
 (Instrument Rental Options)



CAUTION!

When buying brand new instruments from online companies or local stores not specializing in music, you can run the risk of a "bad deal." *Not all instruments are created equal.* A "discount" price usually means cheaper parts that won't hold up over time. We recommend purchasing or renting an instrument from the recommended brands list provided below. If you find a good deal, don't hesitate to contact a band teacher to make sure you're getting your money's worth. There is a direct link between the quality of an instrument and the successful start for your child band experience.

Which Instruments can your child choose from?

FLUTE
 CLARINET
 ALTO SAXOPHONE
 TRUMPET
 FRENCH HORN*
 TROMBONE
 BARITONE
 TUBA
 PERCUSSION
(Bells and Pad)

* Denotes "specialty"
 instrument which is a more
 challenging instrument.
 Private lessons are highly
 recommended if choosing
 this instrument

RECOMMENDED BRANDS

*Yamaha *King *Bach *Selmer
 *Jupiter *Vito *Gemeinhardt
 *Conn *Buffet *Getzen
 *Armstrong



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