

Woodlawn Beach Middle School

Home of the Wildcats

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Dear Parents,

As a sixth-grader at **Woodlawn Beach Middle School**, your child finally has the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before them – **Be Part of the Music!**

With the changes middle school brings, band is the perfect avenue to make the transition! Unlike many other electives, music is one in which you need other people in order to be successful. The teamwork, focus, and dedication learned in Band are skills that your child will utilize in every aspect of his or her life.

Since Band is offered as a class during the regular school day, your child will still have every opportunity to take part in any other activity they want! In addition, **Absolutely No Musical Experience Is Necessary!** With all of the big changes entailed by the transition into middle school, Band is a quick and fun way to make friends and have successes to celebrate, all while learning a new language -- MUSIC!

**Call Schmidt's Music to make an instrument selection appointment
(850) 434-0317**

INSTRUMENT FITTING AND REGISTRATION

Parents and Students

The instruments offered in beginning band are **Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Tuba, and Percussion**. Flute, clarinet, and trumpet typically carry melodies, while oboe, bassoon, alto sax, tenor sax and French horn offer support to those melodies, and trombone, baritone, and tuba provide the foundation for all of the band sound. Percussion consists of both drums and keyboard-style instruments to help keep the tempo of the group. **Instruments are on a first-come, first-served basis so it is imperative that you get this taken care of as soon as possible.** The professionals at **Schmidt's Music** will guide your child through each instrument to see which will fit them best. Call **(850) 434-0317** to schedule an appointment with them.

Participating in Band is not as expensive as you might expect. Class lessons are free of charge, and are provided during regular school hours. Local music stores offer special Rent-to-Own programs, which allow you to make affordable monthly payments toward the purchase of the instrument, but also allow return and exchange options as well, making Band a safe and wise investment in your child's future.

For your convenience, new and used instruments will be available for you to reserve at the time of selection. All interested students are encouraged to sign up for Band, regardless of musical background. Please see the enclosed information regarding other commonly asked questions.

Sincerely,

Stacy Rohde

Woodlawn Beach Middle School Band Director

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