

It's Your Turn to

2021-22



Be A Part of the Band!!

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Dear Parents,

The Crestwood Band Program has long had an outstanding instrumental music program. Each year, we look forward to starting a new group of beginners who will become part of this exciting experience and the wonderful opportunities that exist throughout our 7 -year program.

Today your child watched a video about how exciting it is to “be part of the band.” That video is linked in your child’s music Google Classroom as well as on the Crestwood Band website, www.crestwoodbands.com so you can watch it together. We also demonstrated in person the five basic instruments that will be part of our beginning band class. They are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion (a bell kit with drum pad). If your child is interested in any of the other band instruments they should plan to start on one of the basic instruments and, with director approval, switch over after getting a solid start on one of the basic instruments.

The most important step is to get your child registered for band and scheduled into the class this fall. When school begins we will take care of helping match your child with the instrument that best compliments both his/her interest and physical attributes (such as lip shape, finger dexterity, length, etc.) We will make a recommendation and provide you with information about obtaining an instrument and the necessary accessories and supplies at that time. Most people choose to rent instruments as it usually ends up being a rent to own situation, while others choose to buy outright. Others have borrowed used instruments and had them overhauled to be in playing condition. We definitely recommend you wait until fall when we do the instrument fittings to acquire an instrument, but if you find you have any questions in the meantime, please email us. We check school email periodically through the summer and are happy to help.

The most exciting part of each school year is meeting and bringing a new group of musicians into our band family. We are thrilled that you and your student are joining us in this adventure. **Welcome to the Band!**

Very Sincerely,

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