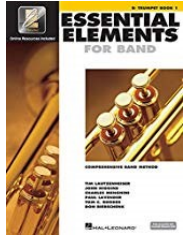


### What book should we buy?

The band students will be reading music from a book called **Essential Elements Interactive, Book 1**. Please ensure that you purchase the book designated for your student's instrument (baritones buy the **bass clef** book). These books are available at all the local music retail stores. We will be writing in them so it's important that they have their own. Make sure your student's name is written clearly in the book. If the stores run out, don't panic. Your student can share for a while. We use the same book all year, so there are no other required books to purchase.



### Where do we get an instrument?

Most students rent band instruments from a local music store, such as **Music and Arts, Metropolitan Music** or **Kennelly Keys**. Timberline is slated to receive a few baritones and euphoniums and can be rented for a \$100 maintenance fee. This is to help cover instrument cleaning and repair maintenance costs that incur throughout the year. If you already own an instrument in the family, please have it checked by a repair technician, or one of the band directors to make sure that it is playable. Please use a nametag on ALL cases. For a quality instrument, we recommend renting at an established music store. **PLEASE avoid instruments from online sources like Amazon.com**; instruments tend to be of inferior quality and can lead to frustration too easily. If unsure, please contact us.

### Beginning Band Info Night

Beginning Band Info Night will be held at **Timberline Middle School** on **Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm**. Come get information, participate in the instrument "petting zoo" and you will have the opportunity to rent instruments from Music and Arts or Metropolitan Music at that time, as well!

### How expensive is it to be in band?

There are no charges for band other than renting an instrument, purchasing a few accessories, and obtaining the book we use in class.

We do not want cost to be a factor in whether or not you join band! If finances are a concern, please contact one of the directors.

### Storage of student instruments

Students will take their instruments with them back to their elementary school classroom, and then **bring them home** to practice. Regular practice will help each student experience success on a regular basis. Typically, students who play baritone will use a school instrument while at school and their own instrument at home.

## III. How do we get started?

The students will be seeing a demonstration of all of the instruments, hopefully within the first week of school (**Sept. 10th** is the scheduled date), and should decide along with their parents what they would like to play.

Please complete the registration information either attached to this brochure, or found at the elementary band website (<https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/elementary-band-and-orchestra>). If you choose to fill out the brochure, either email the information to Mr. Sloan or return it to your classroom teacher.

### Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

(beginning the week of September 16th for second year students, Sept. 23rd for first year students)

**Monday:** 2nd year, full band

**Tuesday:** 1st year Brass (trumpet and trombone)

**Wednesday:** 2nd year, full band

**Thursday:** 1st year Woodwinds (flute and clarinet)

**Friday:** 1st year, full band

## **Timberline Region Elementary Band Program**

Serving Ella Baker, Rosa Parks, and Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary Schools

Mr. Sloan



Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

**Mr. Sloan at Wilder Elementary: (425) 936-2740 ext: 57409**

**Email: [dasloan@lwsd.org](mailto:dasloan@lwsd.org)**

The Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 5th grade students. The goals of this program are to introduce the student to performing music on an instrument, working within a group of other musicians, and help them progress to performing groups at the Middle School and High School level. The Timberline Region instrumental music program is taking off with tremendous potential and we hope that you and your child will choose to take part in this exciting and beneficial program!

## Elementary Band Registration

(Please PRINT clearly)

Student Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Band \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Instrument Choice

\_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail the above information to [dasloan@lwsd.org](mailto:dasloan@lwsd.org), in the event that you do not have access to the online sign-up system (accessed from the LWSD website).

**If you do not have access to e-mail, please return the paper copy to your classroom teacher no later than Monday September 16th.**

## I. Where, when and how?

### **When does band meet?**

All band classes meet from **7:40a-8:20a**. Students should be at school by **7:30am** to set up their instrument and be ready for class. There are two rehearsals/week.

### **Who are the instructors for the classes?**

Mr. David Sloan, a trumpet player and music teacher at Wilder Elementary. We will also be joined by a co-teacher, who is, as of now, undetermined.

### **Where do the band classes meet?**

The elementary band classes will meet in the music rooms at **Timberline Middle School**.

### **How does my student get to band and to their elementary school?**

Students have two options to get to Timberline MS: they may walk (if they are in walking distance) or drive/form carpools. At the end of band, all students are bussed back to their elementary school.

### **How much class time will they miss?**

Students should get to their school before the start of the school day and shouldn't miss any of their class. Teachers and principals are aware that they will arrive early and are very supportive of the band program.

### **What if my student misses a rehearsal?**

Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal and absences will be reported to the student's school immediately following rehearsal. Since we only meet two times per week, it is important for your child to be on time to every rehearsal. If the student will be absent, please send an e-mail to Mr. Sloan ([dasloan@lwsd.org](mailto:dasloan@lwsd.org)) to let us know. This is important for Safe Arrival information. Also, band **does** meet on half-days, but not if TMS or your elementary is delayed/cancelled due to weather concerns.

### **Are there concerts?**

We will usually have 2-3 performances each year: one before Winter Break and another at the end of the year. 2nd year Band is scheduled to play at the Redmond Region Concert in March.

**Concert dates are (tent.): Tues. Dec. 17 (both EBs), March 2020 (TBD, 2nd year band), and Tues. June 2 (both EBs).**

Concerts will be at **Timberline MS** and will most likely be at **7p**.

### **Will band interfere with other activities?**

Band is a fantastic opportunity for you and your family. We know how busy students and families are and we are always proud to have accomplished athletes, dancers, actors and other interesting people sign up for band. We try to schedule our rehearsals and concerts as sensitively as possible so students can still pursue their homework and outside interests. Band is yet another way to become a well-rounded person.

## II. What do we get to play?

### **What instruments are available to learn?**

Although there are many instruments in the Timberline band program, some are more suitable than others for beginners. Several of these (French horn, piccolo, bassoon, oboe, etc.) are intended to be switched **to** after one or two years on a similar instrument. Beginners may choose from the following band instruments:

**Flute (woodwind)      Trumpet (brass)**

**Clarinet (woodwind)      Trombone (brass)**

**Baritone (bass clef, brass)**

Students will have the opportunity to audition for **percussion** and **alto saxophone** following Mid-Winter Break in February. This process allows us to better meet the needs of each individual instrument grouping and student, along with allowing us the opportunity to better teach critical note-reading skills to ALL students. It will also allow us to maintain proper balance between the sections of the band.

### **What equipment does my student need?**

Each student will need an **instrument**, the **required accessories**, a **book**, and **2 sharpened or mechanical (with lead) pencils**. They should have 2 in case their neighbor forgets their pencil. Please have a **folder** in which to put the book, sheet music and any informational letters that may be passed out throughout the year.

We also recommend purchasing a care kit, offered through your rental company. The accessories should include, but are not limited to:

- **Flute:** cleaning rod and handkerchief/soft cloth for cleaning (silk is preferred)
- **Clarinet:** cork grease, a drop through style cleaning cloth, and a MINIMUM of 5 #2 reeds. WW reeds wear out and will need to be replenished. Your student should not be on the same reed for more than three weeks (it can get pretty gross)
- **Trumpet:** valve oil, slide grease, and a soft cleaning cloth
- **Trombone:** slide oil and a soft cleaning cloth
- **Baritone B.C:** valve oil and a soft cleaning cloth

Care kits will most likely include numerous brushes and cleaning supplies that should be kept at home until they are needed. We will show them how to give their instrument a "bath" before Winter Break.