

A decorative border of musical staves with various notes and clefs surrounds the text. The top staff features a treble clef and a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff features a bass clef and a series of eighth and quarter notes. The left and right sides feature vertical staves with notes and clefs.

Get Ready for Beginning Band!

Beginning Band is available for all 4th and 5th graders from Bell, Juanita El., Sandburg, and Thoreau!

Teachers

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Class Meetings

For at least the beginning of the year, all classes will be held on Microsoft Teams from 7:45-8:30 am. The full schedule will be finalized soon, but everyone should plan on meeting two, maybe three times per week. We will send out the schedule by Friday, September 24th. **Class meetings will begin Monday, September 27th at 7:45 am.**

Instruments

The instruments available are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and baritone. Students that are interested in playing saxophone should start on the clarinet. Students interested in drums should start on any wind instrument. We will have auditions for drums and saxophone in January.

Cost and Getting an instrument

There is no cost to join beginning band but students will need to provide their own instrument and book. There are several local music stores that rent instruments and sell the books and accessories. We highly recommend renting an instrument rather than buying one. The rental instruments are good quality and the stores all have insurance options to cover repairs. There are some inexpensive instruments available for purchase that are poor quality and they can be very frustrating to play or repair. Please check with the instructors before making any instrument purchases!

Book

You will need to get "Accent on Achievement" Book 1. There is a book for each instrument so make sure you get the one for your instrument. All of the music stores will have them available. They can also be purchased online.

Band Information Night

On **Wednesday, September 22nd, at 7pm**, Mr. Maier and Ms. Scrivner will host an information meeting on Teams. The meeting will include basic information about elementary band, instrument demonstrations by Juanita High School students, and Q&A with Mr. Maier and Ms. Scrivner.

[Join the meeting here!](#)

Registration Link

<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration>

Registration is open until October 1st.

We look forward to seeing you in Beginning Band!