

# Band Info

(For students interested in band)

**August 28, 2023**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your 4th grade student is invited to join band! Band provides your student with the opportunity to join a team of hardworking, highly motivated students. Playing an instrument provides enrichment that can lead to a life-long appreciation for music!

Not only will your band student begin to master an instrument, they will learn teamwork, discipline, and dedication. These qualities combine to develop life skills that will help your child as they move into adulthood and form lasting relationships.

Participation in a music program gives students an outlet for creativity and self-expression and reinforces cooperative learning and problem solving skills taught in the classroom. The study and understanding of music is a vital link to having a well-rounded education. And most importantly, it's FUN!

Students receive one 30 minute small group lesson each week during the school day. In addition, first year band students also play in Prep Band, which meets during the school day (day 3) starting in November. Students in Prep Band also perform in the **Spring** concert.

## **2023-2024 Elementary Music Performance Dates**

Dec. 12, **6:30pm** Chorus and 5th Grade Band Winter Concert - no Prep Band

*Dec. 14, **6:30pm** Chorus and Band Snow Date*

May 14, **6:30pm** Gr. 4-5 Chorus and Band Spring Concert

Instruments may be borrowed, purchased, or rented from stores or suppliers as long as the instruments are in good working order. You will want a high quality instrument to promote success in band! Please contact me if you are not sure if the instrument you are considering is a high quality brand (**for example, most instruments available on online retailers such as Ebay or Amazon are not high quality and will not last**). The district also has a *very* limited number of instruments available to students for no rental fee. If you feel that renting an instrument would be burdensome to your family, please contact me about borrowing an instrument from the school.

**Band Info Night** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30p.m.** in the Pollock Center. Parents with students who are interested in beginning an instrument should plan to

attend this meeting to learn about the band program, instrument leasing program, and what will be expected of your student. **Instruments will be available for purchase at this event.**

**Beginning lessons will start the following week on Monday, September 18. Please make arrangements for your student to have an instrument to begin lessons at that time.** If you have any questions concerning instrument selection or the band program, please feel free to call me at 901-2600x4115 or email at [mbeam@camphillsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:mbeam@camphillsd.k12.pa.us).

\*\*\*Students will attend a band instrument demonstration during the first two weeks of school\*\*\*  
Look for information on how to sign up for band from your classroom teacher and Mrs. Beam.

Sincerely,

Melodie Beam

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