

WANT TO JOIN THE BAND?

Band is a great way to meet other people and to develop a special skill that you can have and enjoy forever! Band is not only fun and exciting, it has also been discovered through research that learning an instrument can positively impact cognitive functions in a variety of ways...

In other words, BAND MAKES YOU SMARTER!!!

"Studying music has been proven to raise verbal and nonverbal IQ scores, improve vocabulary, spelling and reasoning skills, heighten mathematics skills, and help with language learning abilities."- Valerie Conners, writer for

www.Discovery.com

****Parents & Students - PLEASE READ ENTIRE PACKET****

RETURNING STUDENTS!!!

- ❑ Students returning to the Instrumental Music Program for their 2nd year are now "Band Leaders!" The "Band Leaders" are expected to lead by example and demonstrate excellence in their practice and commitment. The new fourth grade class will be looking up to you!
- ❑ **Returning students are encouraged to continue with the previous instrument they studied last year!** If students are looking to try something new, please contact me at DAngeloD@middletownk12.org to discuss other possibilities before switching.
- ❑ Second year students who played Clarinet last year are eligible to learn the Alto/Tenor Saxophone or Percussion this year if they would like to switch.
- ❑ All returning students MUST be re-registered on Mr. D'Angelo's website, www.dangeloband.weebly.com

NEW STUDENTS:

HOW DO I CHOOSE AND THEN GET AN INSTRUMENT?

- ❑ Students choose their own instrument from the list below.
 - ❑ ****The Alto/Tenor Saxophone is only available for students who have completed one year of Clarinet lessons. This is to ensure proper playing technique and musicianship.****
 - ❑ ****Percussion is only available for 5th grade students. New students interested in Percussion will need to pass a basic rhythm reading test from material they learned in their Music Special. Current students who played an instrument in 4th grade and are interested in Percussion in 5th grade will be able to switch if they'd like.****
- ❑ You may provide your own instrument. If you do not currently have one, you can obtain a rental from either one of the vendors the school district works with listed below.

- ❑ If renting an instrument, I encourage you to take some time and go to Music & Arts in Manalapan, NJ to try out some of the instruments we are offering here at school. I believe it is important for the instrument to pick the student! If the student has the chance to play every instrument that is being offered then they will be more happy with their decision and hopefully be more committed to succeeding on that instrument.
- ❑ The vendors will deliver the student's instrument to the school once the rental has been ordered online. Instruments will be given to the students at their first lesson, provided the rental forms have been submitted online. The later the rental order are placed online, the later the student will receive lessons on his or her chosen instrument. You are to register the rentals online at the vendor websites. Rental money does not get brought into Mr. D'Angelo.

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE BAND!!!

To sign up for the Instrumental Music Program, go to:

<http://www.dangeloband.weebly.com/>

Locate the website's MENU (3 short lines in the top left corner) and click:

"BAND SIGN-UPS"

Begin to fill out the Google Form on my website. Once the form is completed, read below to see how to obtain a rental instrument, lesson book, and any other supplies needed for success this year.

- If you are interested in buying an instrument, instead of renting, please feel free to contact me so that I can assist you in finding the appropriate instrument to purchase for your child. Avoid purchasing instruments from large retail companies such as Amazon, Costco, Walmart, etc. The price may seem nice, but the quality of the instrument is not. When buying, try Dillon's Music in Woodbridge, Jack's Music Shoppe in Red Bank, or Monmouth Music in Red Bank.
- If you will be borrowing or acquiring an instrument from someone you know, please remember to take this instrument into a music shop (Jack's Music Shop) to get a routine service and maintenance checkup.

INSTRUMENTAL RENTAL INFORMATION

These vendors deliver to the school:

- **RUSSO MUSIC CENTER:** <http://www.russomusicrentals.com/>
1989 Arena Drive, Hamilton, NJ (609)888-0620
(or)
639 Cookman Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ (732) 455-8397.
Vendor Representative: Chris Angelino

- **MUSIC & ARTS:** <http://www.musicarts.com/rentals>

Galleria Shopping Center, 100 US HWY 9, Suite 2, Manalapan, NJ 07726 (888) 731-5396.

****You can go to the shop and try out the instrument before you decide to rent****

These vendors are local with no in-school service:

(These music shops are great for acquiring instrumental supplies throughout the school year as well! Music Stands, Reeds, Valve Oil, Slide or Cork Grease, Swabs, Neck Straps, Drumsticks and Practice Pads, Mallets, Books, etc.)

JACK'S MUSIC SHOPPE: 30 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701 (732) 842-0731 (Also, a Russo Music Rental Satellite Site)

INSTRUMENT CHOICES AND REQUIRED SUPPLIES:

(You can Google and Youtube these instruments to hear professionals playing the one you might be interested in! or Go to Music & Arts in Manalapan, NJ to try them out!!!)

FLUTE- Tradition of Excellence Book 1, pad saver

CLARINET- Tradition of Excellence Book 1, 10 reeds size 2 ½, cork grease, swab

***ALTO SAXOPHONE(yr.2 only)-** Tradition of Excellence Book 1,10 reeds size 2 ½, cork grease, swab, Neotech Neckstrap

***TENOR SAXOPHONE(yr.2 only)-**Tradition of Excellence Book 1,10 reeds size 2 ½, cork grease, swab, Neotech Neckstrap

TRUMPET- Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Valve Oil, Slide Grease

***FRENCH HORN (yr.2 only)-** Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Rotary Oil, Slide Grease

TROMBONE- Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Slide Grease, Spray Bottle

BARITONE- Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Valve Oil, Slide Grease

***PERCUSSION (5th grade only)-** Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Drum Pad and Drum Sticks

XYLOPHONE/BELLS- Tradition of Excellence Book 1 and Mallets

Please reach out to Mr. D at DangeloD@middletownk12.org if we are considering switching to one of these instruments

Along with your rental, be sure to get a copy of the

“Tradition of Excellence Book 1” with your order from the vendor

****Purchasing a music stand is highly recommended so that practicing at home is easier****

Also, if you already have an instrument or are acquiring a used one, please make sure that the instrument is sent to a music shop for an inspection of any repairs that may need to be made.

When an instrument isn't played over a few years it oxidizes and corrodes and becomes unplayable. We want to make our student's first experience in Band is a good one and not one that is discouraging.

HOW DO LESSONS WORK?

Schedules will not be set until late September. Each student will be put into a lesson group with other students learning the same or similar instrument. Lessons will be one day a week. Some band lessons begin before the school day. If a student is in a lesson group that meets during the school day, he or she WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for any of the work missed during the time of the lesson. It is

important that every student remains in good academic standing if they want to participate in the Band!

There will not be a grade given for Band. Students will be responsible to come to each lesson with his or her instrument and lesson book/music every week. It will be documented when students arrive for lessons without instruments and lesson books/music.

Returning "Band Leaders" will meet twice a week: once for their scheduled lesson and the other meeting will be an "Advanced Band Ensemble Rehearsal", where all of the "Band Leaders" will learn how to play together as an ensemble and learn to become stronger leaders within the band. Beginning band members will begin to join the "Ensemble Rehearsal" after Winter Break to begin preparation for our annual concert.

The key to success in the Band is dedication and commitment! Students will learn to take pride in the hard work they put forth into succeeding on their instrument of choice. It is important that every member of the Band gives their instrument of choice the attention it needs to overcome the difficulty of learning that instrument. Homework for the Band musicians will be an everyday assignment of 15-30 minutes of practice! A band is only as good as its weakest musician. I encourage every new learner to practice everyday in order for the learning to be easy. Being a musician and learning an instrument is hard work, but it is one of the best talents to have! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through my email: DAngeloD@middletownk12.org

*****If you would like to sign your child up for an instrument, but the financial responsibilities are too much to commit too, please email me so that I can find a way to assist you in acquiring an instrument for your child. Please keep in mind that this is only for families who cannot afford the financial responsibilities of an instrumental purchase or rental.*****