

BEGINNER BAND IS (finally) STARTING!!!

Hello!

I am very excited to announce that it is time to get the band program up and running again! For all Beginning Band members, **the Call-Out Meeting is November 19th, from 5-7pm in the music room.** *Paige's Music* representatives will be present to do mouthpiece testing and help the students choose an instrument. While students are being matched with instruments, Miss Rancourt will be speaking with parents about how the program works, expectations, etc. and will be available for questions.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Mondays & Wednesdays after school: 3:20-4:00

**Students do not have to choose between Band & Mr. Rund's choir. They can do both! Students will go straight from band and join in the rehearsal with Mr. Rund. Mr. Rund & Miss Rancourt will continue to be in communication to ensure this is a smooth transition for any students this affects.*

Expectations:

- Band members are required to:
 - Practice at home *daily*
 - Attend all performances and rehearsals
 - Have and maintain a good quality instrument
 - Purchase *Essential Elements for Band, Book 1*. Students renting from Paige's will receive this in their starter packs.
- There will be NO supervision after 4:00. Parents are expected to make arrangements for their child to be picked up from school at this time.

Cost:

- \$200 for the year. This fee covers: tuition, sheet music, band t-shirt, contest fees. This does *not* cover instrument repair, instrument parts, or bus fees.
- All checks should be made out to: *OLMC School* with "Band Fee" in the memo line and sent to the front office.

FAQ:

Q: Do I have to purchase or rent my instrument from Paige's Music?

A: No. Students must have a good quality instrument in good working condition. *Paige's Music* has partnered with OLMC's band program for many years, and provide a large number of services to band members, but students are not required to purchase from them. If you already have an instrument, please make sure it is in good working order. If you are not sure, please bring it to Miss Rancourt for inspection.

Q: Do I have to choose between Mr. Rund's choir & Beginning Band?

A: No. Students can do both.

Q: Does my student need to practice every single day?

A: Yes, twice a week for 40 minutes is simply not enough time. Students are expected to *practice* at home and *rehearse* at school.

Q: Who can join Beginning Band?

A: Anyone grades 4-8 who would like to learn a new band instrument (typically this includes woodwinds, brass, & percussion instruments).

Q: Can I join Beginning Band to learn a second instrument while still playing my original instrument in Raider Band?

A: Yes, if students want to do both, they are certainly able to do that.

Any other questions? Please contact Elizabeth Rancourt at: rancourte@olmc1.org.

Registration:

Please fill out and return the following information to Miss Rancourt.

Parent(s)' Name(s) _____ Student _____
Instrument _____ Homeroom _____
Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
e-mail _____

I understand that upon acceptance into the Band Program, I agree to:

- Obtain an instrument for my child to play that is in good working order.
- Provide a place and time for my child to practice at home *daily*.
- Encourage and supervise my child's daily practice.
- Ensure my child's attendance and participation in rehearsals and performances.

I further understand that participation in the program is for the whole school year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____