

Rehearsal Schedule

- **5th Grade band will meet during the school day in pull-out lessons**

This year the fifth grade band rehearsals will happen during the school day. Once a week, students will come to the band room instead of their related arts class to work in instrument specific classes. As with all new skills, consistent practice is the key to success. Please help your child be successful by reminding them of in school lessons and helping them to remember to bring their instruments to school.

Beginning Monday, September 23rd the rehearsal schedule will be:

Monday: Flute, Oboe

Tuesday: Clarinet

Wednesday: Low Brass (Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba)

Thursday: Percussion

Friday: Trumpet

- There is a possibility fifth grade band will also include after school rehearsals. While I cannot give the exact schedule yet, I can tell you that rehearsals will be dismissed by 3:30 and will only be one day per week. I will give out exact schedules as soon as I can.
- To supplement the information we cover in our rehearsals, I would like to suggest some local music studios for private lessons. Lessons are not required but they do help ensure your child's success with their instrument.
 - PM Music Center 1-630-978-9927
4411 Fox Valley Drive Aurora Il, 60504
www.pmmusiccenter.com
 - Minooka Music Studio 1-815-467-2326
408 W. Mondamin St Minooka, IL 60447
www.minookamusicstudio.com

Recommended Instrument Brands

As both a band director and a consumer I always recommend renting an instrument when students first join band. While there are many benefits, including repair coverage and good quality instruments, some families prefer to purchase an instrument. If you decide to purchase an instrument, please choose only from the following brands. Through years of experience, I have found the following brands to be reputable, good value for the money, and resilient to the normal wear and tear of beginning musicians. **If you find an instrument that is not on this list, I am always willing to check it out to see if it will be serviceable.**

Flute: Yamaha, Armstrong, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Artley

Oboe: Yamaha, Selmer

Clarinet: Yamaha, Buffet, Selmer, Bundy, Vito

Trumpet: Yamaha, Bach, Conn

Trombone: Yamaha, King, Conn, Bach, Jupiter

Baritone/Euphonium: Yamaha, Jupiter

Tuba: King, Jupiter, Yamaha

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