

# ♪ 2019 Band Instrument Night FAQ ♪

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Monday 4/15/19 @ Laurel Ridge Middle School

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**THANK YOU FOR BEING AT INSTRUMENT NIGHT!** *We appreciate you trying out your choices for band instruments. We hope you choose band! Please follow the signs to the different rooms and feel free to try out one, several or all of the instrument choices available in Beginning Band. Mr. Dyer & Mr. Angeloni are here to answer questions. You will be assisted tonight by positive and accomplished Sherwood High School band members.*

## **CHOOSING YOUR BAND INSTRUMENT**

You will need to select your band instrument when you forecast for classes. Here are the instrument choices and locations for beginning band:

### **Flute – LRMS Art (STEM) Room**

Flute is the smallest instrument and highest in the beginning band.

### **Bassoon or Oboe – LRMS Staff Room**

Private lessons are a must as Bassoon & Oboe are unique instruments requiring special attention. We are lucky to have some excellent private teachers available. Both Oboe and Bassoon cost significantly more than other instruments: for the initial cost of a quality beginning instrument, and lessons and reeds.

### **Clarinet - OT/PT Room**

Clarinet is one of the main melody instruments of the band. The band ALWAYS needs more clarinets: Mr. Stai and Mr. Angeloni's personal favorite!

### **Trumpet/Cornet – Edy Cafeteria**

Trumpet is the highest sounding and smallest of the brass instruments and often plays the melody.

### **French Horn – LRMS Library**

French Horn is the most challenging of all brass instruments! If you have a great ear and are willing to work hard, go for it! Four valve Horns are required.

### **Trombone – Edy Music Room**

Trombone is Mr. Dyer's personal favorite... just sayin'! It requires a really good ear to hear the notes and place the slide exactly in the right place.

### **Euphonium and Tuba – Community Room**

These are similar to trumpet, except that they are bigger and play lower notes. Tuba is the lowest and is the bass instrument for the band.

## **Bells & Percussion - LRMS Band Room**

To be successful as a percussionist you need a strong sense of beat and rhythm. A background as a pianist is very helpful. Percussionists play Bells for most of the first half of the year.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- **How do I get an instrument?** Most students either rent an instrument from an area music store or use a family instrument. We STRONGLY recommend using a music store with a repair shop in house.
- **Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium or Tuba:** Most music stores either won't rent these or they are quite expensive. We have a decent supply of school owned instruments. Contact your beginning band teacher as soon as you know that you are interested in renting one for to reserve yours! Once they're gone, they're gone.
- **When do I need my instrument?** Not until the beginning of the second week of school. HOWEVER, you should reserve your instrument as soon as you have made your choice. If you are using a used or family instrument, take it to the repair shop in JUNE and have it checked out and repaired. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AUGUST!! Repair shops get swamped then.
- **Are there brands you prefer?** Yamaha is always a great bet. Otherwise Gemeinhardt, Pearl, Leblanc, Buffet, King, Conn, Selmer & Jupiter are some of the good ones. When in doubt, please email us with questions! Really! Even if it's summer!!
- **What brands should I avoid?** Without naming names, there are MANY brands with no proven quality and dependability. Please email us if you're planning on buying. We can save you from wasting your money.
- **Do I need to take lessons before band starts?** No, we start at the beginning. However, lessons are always a great way to either get a head start or to accelerate progress. We're big fans of private lessons.
- *Saxophone is not offered as an option as a beginning instrument. We require that students interested in playing Sax play Clarinet for the first year. We prefer that students ADD sax as a second instrument and continue on clarinet in regular band. Summer lessons for the transition are expected.*

**Any other questions? Email us or check our website!**  
<http://lrms.sherwood.k12.or.us/staff/teachers/mdyer>