

Princeton Sixth Grade Band

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Dear Parents,

5th grade students are eligible to sign up to Beginning Band for their 6th grade year at Princeton Middle High School. The band program at Princeton Middle High School is a very successful and exciting program. If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument and being a part of this program, this letter contains the information for getting them started. Please email Mr. Heller at robertheller@johnston.k12.nc.us if you have questions not answered by this letter. The band also has a webpage (princetonband.weebly.com) that has much information concerning band at Princeton. You can also navigate to the band webpage from the Princeton Middle High School Webpage.

IS BAND A REGULAR CLASS?

Yes. Band classes meet during the school day and students receive a grade in band just as they do in other classes.

ARE THERE AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES?

No. The only required band activities that happen outside of the school day are concerts. We have 2-4 concerts per year; the two biggest are in December and May.

SHOULD THE STUDENTS ALREADY KNOW HOW TO READ MUSIC? IS NATURAL TALENT NECESSARY?

No. The students will be taught everything they need to know. Our first classes will be spent on learning to read music and the students will start to apply that knowledge to playing the instruments. Natural talent is not necessary. All students who have a good instrument, have their materials for class, and practice at home can succeed. It just takes work.

HOW MUCH PRACTICE IS REQUIRED?

I require my students to practice AT LEAST 60 minutes per week outside of class.

DOES BAND INTERFERE WITH ATHLETICS?

NO. Band is a class during the school day. All athletics are extracurricular. At Princeton Middle High School we have students in grades 6-12 taking band and also participating in Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports of all kinds.

WHICH INSTRUMENT SHOULD MY CHILD CHOOSE?

The instrument choices are as follows:



Flute



Clarinet



[Alto Saxophone](#)



Trumpet



Trombone



Drum and Bell

Please go to this link to sign up for band: <http://bit.ly/5thbandsignup>

Spots are limited for alto saxophone and percussion (bells and drums.) Mr. Heller will post on princetonband.weebly.com when these spots are filled.