

# Welcome to Band!

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## **How do we choose an instrument?**

Last spring most of you were fitted at Cardinal Elementary and chose your instrument. You are allowed to change your mind before we get started as long as you choose an instrument that is taught in your hour. If you were hoping for percussion you need to choose a different instrument to get started on in your class. I will then pick percussion students in the second half of the year based on effort and attitude.

## **How do we get an instrument?**

Most families will get their instrument through Meyer Music's rent to own program. Please head to this website <https://www.meyer-music.com/> to set up your account and your instrument will be delivered to the school. You may also visit their store on Sternberg Road near the Meijer grocery store. Deliveries are on Tuesdays so plan ahead so your student can have an instrument as soon as possible.

Some families may already have an instrument. As long as it is one of the instruments I am teaching in beginning band and it is in good working order that is great!

You may also be able to find a used instrument on Facebook Marketplace. This is great as long as it is a brand that a local music store will service, as all instruments need service from time to time. It would be a good idea to call Meyer Music at (231) 865-7000 and ask about the brand of the instrument you are looking at before you purchase it.

I would recommend avoiding the inexpensive instruments found on Amazon or Ebay. We have had many disappointed students the past few years as these instruments can break easily and cannot be repaired by local shops.

## **When do we need an instrument?**

I will start teaching the kids that have instruments on Wednesday September 6th. It is ok if you don't have the instrument that day, but everyone should have them by Tuesday September 12th.

## **Questions?**

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