

JOIN OUR
BAND MAGNET!

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Director of Bands



WHAT WE OFFER

- 3 Levels of Band:
- 1) **Beginning Band**- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Instruments offered:
 - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion
- 2) **Concert Band**- At least 1 year of experience on a musical instrument.
- 3) **Jazz Band**- At least 1 year of experience on a musical instrument. Audition is required for consideration in the Jazz Band.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Musically, students will:
 - Learn to read and interpret music and will be exposed to basic music theory.
 - Establish a solid foundation on a musical instrument.
 - Build listening skills necessary to performing with a group.
 - Develop “concert readiness” so that they’re confident to perform at various settings throughout the year.
 - Be exposed to varied repertoire to broaden each student’s appreciation of music.
 - Participate in several field trips to watch professional musicians and ensembles live.

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- MORE importantly, students will build character traits that will ensure their success in the future, traits such as:
 - Responsibility
 - Commitment
 - Time Management
 - DISCIPLINE!
 - Teamwork

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Students will have the chance to participate in the following performances:
 - Fall, Winter and Spring concerts
 - District Music Performance Assessments
 - District Solo and Ensemble Festival
 - Superintendent's Honors Music Festival
 - Magnet recruitment events
 - Feeder elementary concerts
 - Side by side performances with High School magnet band programs
 - Yearly out of county competition- This year we're going to Music at the Parks in Washington DC!

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

- Experienced guest clinicians and professional musicians who come to work with the students
- Partnership with All County Music and Kendall Conservatory to give kids the chance of playing the best quality music instruments and equipment as possible
- Viking Band Parent Association- our phenomenal booster club!

SUCCESS STORIES

- Consistently rated Superior at District Music Performance Assessments
- Consistently among the most participants at District Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 2 students chosen for the FMEA All State Middle School Concert Band, 1 student chosen for the FMEA All State Middle School Jazz Band
- Phenomenal acceptance rates with High School Magnet Band Programs
- Sweepstakes Winners and Gold ratings at Southern Star Music Festival- Atlanta, GA 2024
- Jazz Band performed at a welcome event for Lt. Governor- Jeannette Nunez, 2023
- 2nd place at Festival Disney- Orlando, FL 2023
- Grand Champions at Orlandofest- Orlando, FL 2020

AUDITION DETAILS

- No experience necessary, auditions are used to assist with placing students in the appropriate ensemble.
- Students are to perform a prepared piece of music which can be performed on an instrument (recorder, piano, drumset, wind instrument) or be sung. Students are to bring the instrument they'll be auditioning with; only piano and percussion instruments will be made available.
- Students will also be asked to listen to a pitch and sing it back (aural pitch matching) and take part in a brief interview.

AUDITION DATES

- Wednesdays (afternoons):
 - January 15, 2025
 - January 22, 2025
 - January 29, 2025
- Saturday (morning):
 - January 18, 2025

CONTACT INFO/SOCIAL MEDIA

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QUESTIONS?