



Lakeview
Intermediate School

6th Grade Beginning Band

Dear 6th Grade Families,

You might remember last year your child had the opportunity to learn to play a band instrument. As a parent of a 6th grade student, **you again have the opportunity to have your child become a part of the award-winning Stow-Munroe Falls Band Program.** As part of the program your child will receive a 45-minute lesson with mixed instruments in place of their music class. Within this class students will learn how to play the instrument, read music, how to care for the instrument, and how to practice.

During your students first music class, our band staff will present a short video about the band program and the opportunities that your child will receive through our 5-12 program. This will give your child the chance to hear and see the different instruments. The instruments that students may begin in 6th grade are:



flute



clarinet



alto saxophone



trumpet



trombone

Both Gold and Maroon Students are encouraged to join the band as a 6th grader! Below is how the program will look based on your child's learning environment.

Gold Plan

- Students will log into Google Classroom Class each Monday and view the week's assignment. This will coincide and follow students who are in person learning.
- Students will attend a 30 minute online google meet once a week (time to be determined based on schedule of all classes) *required*
- If a student is unable to make the online class, he or she will need to watch the recorded lesson and meet with Mr. Lewis during his office hours.
- In addition to attending the online lesson, students need to practice and reinforce the lesson throughout the week. (10-15 minutes 4 times a week).
- Each week you will have a playing assignment. This can be completed during the Google Meet lessons, or can be recorded and submitted each week by Friday.

Maroon Plan

<u>Completely Online</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>	<u>Completely in School 5 Day</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be asked to follow the gold plan outline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will meet in person, in a small group setting 3-4 times per month. Based on the ABC rotation. • At home students will practice the assignments from the in person lesson. (10-15 minutes, 4 times a week) • Students will be assigned selections of music to perform in class. • If a student misses an in person class (or forgets their instrument), he or she will be asked to watch the online lesson and submit a recording of the assignment through google classroom. • There is no morning full band. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will attend school in a 3 day rotation and will attend small group lessons during their scheduled special time. • The potential for full morning band exists and will be determined based on SCH guidelines and protocols.

Performances

As the state and county levels of Covid-19 continue to change, we are hopeful that we can investigate the possibilities of live performances.

Covid-19 and Band FAQs

Is Playing a Wind Instrument Safe Right Now?

We too, have had these thoughts, concerns, and conversations since March. However, we are fortunate to have several universities complete studies that have helped answer this question. The University of Colorado continues to do the most research on this. You can watch their lengthy videos online that go into further detail. For a quick reference, this video does a great job of showing the aerosol trajectory and low risk of playing an instrument:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsLHFwtpABU>

How close will my student be sitting from another student during band class?

As we all know, 6 feet is the recommended distance. However, due to the hybrid plan we will be able to have band classes with 8 feet spacing to provide even more safety.



How do students keep their instrument clean?

This is no different than any other year. It is important to practice good maintenance and routine cleanings on your instrument. Each year, we show students the proper way to swab out and clean their instrument. However, it is more important than ever to make sure your student has the following:

Cleaning swab for for all woodwind instruments



Cleaning rod for flute players



All students will need to purchase and carry in their case sterisol, magic mist, or mint-t-mist for daily mouthpiece cleaning. All of these items can be purchased at any local music store (Central Instrument Company, Woodsys, Soundboard, Front Street Music, etc.) or online.



What about wearing a mask?

All students will wear a mask at all times unless playing. Percussion will wear a mask throughout the class time. The requirement and procedure is to pull the mask up and down immediately before and after playing. As seen in the video above, little to no air is released through the instrument. This is with the exception of flute players. Flute players will need to purchase a flute shield. Our high school students have used these throughout marching band season this summer and they are very effective and affordable. These can be purchased at the following website: www.fluteairshield.com.

How Do I Enroll My Child?

1. Complete the Google Enrollment Form.

[Enrollment Form](#)

2. Students will have until October 2nd to acquire the following items:

- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR BAND Book 1: for his/her instrument.
- A portable music stand to ensure proper posture, practice, technique, and to use during home practice and concerts.
- Brass Students will need a water droplet towel
- Flute Students will need to purchase a flute shield. This can be purchased at the following website: www.fluteairshield.com
- All students need to purchase a spray bottle of mouthpiece cleaner. (See above for details)
- An Instrument- suggested student line brands (brand new if possible or reconditioned)
 - Flute: Yamaha, Jupiter, Pearl, Eastman
 - Clarinet: Yamaha, Selmer CL301: with 5 reeds that are #2 1/2 strength
 - Alto Sax: Yamaha, Armstrong: with 5 reeds that #2 1/2 strength
 - Trumpet: Bach TR 300, Yamaha, King or Conn
 - Trombone: Bach TB 300, Yamaha, King or Conn

3. Sign up for the Band Google Classroom.

Google Classroom

All students, both gold and maroon plans, will need to sign up for the 6th grade band Google Classroom. Please go to:

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/MTQ4NDQyODc3NzU2?cjc=nqgzd2c>
and use the following code to join:

Nqgzd2c

Additional Questions and/or Concerns?

Please email a director anytime!

We are so excited to start making music again! Making music together online or in person, is, has, and always will be a wonderful experience for your student!

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