



Oakleaf Jr. High School Band

' 7th & 8th Grade Center '

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www.oakleafband.com / BAND INFO & UPDATES: <https://www.facebook.com/oakleafyellowjacketband>

Packet for 6th Grade Beginning Band

→ Students need to join the BAND GOOGLE CLASSROOM! There is a library of videos, pictures, and info to help them learn the instrument when they are at home practicing.

→ FIRST OF ALL... - DO NOT GO OUT AND BUY AN INSTRUMENT YET!

No instrument has been assigned to a student, unless you have already spoken to the Band Director. ☺ There are many students signed up for the Beginning Band classes, and it is our responsibility to place each student with the correct instrument that fits them and they like.

*The process for “fitting” a student to a band instrument is very unique and fun. The experience of the Band Director is very critical to this “fitting” process because getting ‘it’ wrong can be frustrating to the student in their musical journey. Most students can be fitted to most instruments. But there are a few instruments that require specific physical qualities in order for success. We ask parents to trust the process and to not allow their past experiences to influence the “fitting” process.

*The list of instruments and their descriptions can be found here:

http://www.oakleafband.com/uploads/1/1/6/9/116934505/beginning_band_eval_for_instr_placement.pdf

BAND IS FUN!!! But- There is an Academic Commitment AND a Financial Commitment.

2023-24 BAND FEES for Band 1: Beginning Band → \$140 [Due on August 21]

Band fee (fair-share) is the amount that each student is responsible for contributing to the band program. Some people believe that the school or county should fund the band programs. Wouldn't that be great? That will not happen! So, band programs must fund themselves. -----please pay with cash or a 'good' check made out to: Oakleaf Jr High School Band-----

This fee pays for band shirts, band book, music, in class supplies, state and district musician fees, & other miscellaneous items/equipment that every band is responsible for in order to exist and perform.

Please let me know if other financial arrangements need to be made. My goal is to find a way for every band student to experience performing their instrument for thousands of people at all the events listed on the band calendar.

The Band Fee is not the same as the rental fee to the music store and does not include the yearly \$100 rental for school instruments.

*Polo sizes come in: Adult Xsmall, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

*Note: Please provide the following for your child for the concerts:

UNIFORM -black dress shoes, black dress socks, and black pants. (The band polo is included in the band fees.)

*Parents must provide the band instrument and instrument care supplies listed on the REQUIRED INSTRUMENT LIST, through any approved music store. Please check the 'Required Instrument' form for acceptable brands.

- **→LOOK! --- There is a separate 'congratulations' form that will list all supplies / instrument stuff you will need to get from the music store. I will pass that out during the first week of school after we know what instrument your student going to play.**

Beginning Band Calendar of Events 2023-2024

Please plan accordingly. ADD THESE EVENTS TO YOUR PERSONAL PHONE DEVICE 😊
Let your athletic coach or extracurricular sponsor know that these dates are REQUIRED Band events.

*7/15- 6th Grade Band Info Packet available for parents to CLICK & READ via the link.

*7/24 (Monday) or 7/25 (Tuesday)- 9am-12pm- 6th Grade Band 'instrument fittings' to find the best instrument for the student 😊 The band room is located at the front of the school between the front office and cafeteria. LOOK FOR SIGNS!

****Starting August 14-15, attend every Monday & Tuesday band class from 4:00-5pm. No class when there is a school holiday.***

*8/28 (week before Labor Day)- Beginning Band should have ALL their instruments & supplies needed for Band.

→*8/21- yearly fair-share Band Fee due (\$140) / +\$100 yearly rental if using a school instrument (tuba, baritone, bari sax, french horn). --Please contact Mr. Summers if you need more time to get the fees in... it's not a problem, I just need to know.

*12/8 (Friday)- 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school & before band concert that night (**REQUIRED EVENT**)

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*4/26 (Friday) - 3:50-6pm BB- Mandatory Rehearsal after school & before band concert that night (**REQUIRED EVENT**)

*4/26 (Friday)- 6:00pm- Band Concert & Awards / (**REQUIRED EVENT**)

→*Disclaimer: Throughout the school year, a re-assessment might be needed if the student is struggling to 'keep up' with the group and the required assignments. A recommendation to stop and start again when they come to the jr high full-time might be given. (No refunds of the band fees since you will have received everything it pays for.)

→Leading up to a band event, Mr. Summers will ALWAYS send home a letter with details so that the Parents can be prepared.

Student info form / Please cut and return- thank you 😊

Student Name _____ Student school ID # _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____ Cell Phone # _____

Current Elementary School _____