

Attention all 4th Grade Parents!

**Now is the time for you to encourage your student to sign up for the elementary school band program!
Rising 5th graders have the opportunity to take band!**

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about band.

- Can I play sports and still be in the band? YES! Band is offered during the school day. Many of the beginning band students play football, baseball, basketball, soccer and cheer.
- Does beginning band practice over the summer? No. Only members of the Dorman marching band have summer practices.
- How do I decide which band instrument to play? Band is taught by experienced professional musicians. Directors help students decide from their top 2-3 instrument choices. See back for dates, times and locations for this year.

Beginning Band Information

- Beginning Band will be offered in the Fifth grade.
- 5th Graders will take Band twice a week for 45 minutes.
- Students will be taught how to read music notation and how to produce a mature sound on their instrument. Beginning Band Classes will require regular home practice time.
- Each class will be taught by professional, certified band instructors.
- Beginning Band is an all year class.

Rent to own band instrument programs usually run from \$25-\$45 per month. Quality used instruments can be purchased for Beginning Band. Flyers from the local music vendors will be available at one of the Band Instrument Placement Days will be held on the following dates from 2:30 – 5:30:

Arcadia (April 28)	Anderson Mill (May 3)	Woodland Heights (May 4)
Fairforest (May 4)	West View (May 6)	Jesse Bobo (May 6)
Roebuck (May 10)	Pauline-Glenn Springs (May 11)	Lone Oak (May 12)

There will be a make up day on May 13 from 4-7 PM at the Dorman Freshman Campus.

We look forward to you being involved in the beginning band program in the start of the 2010-11 school year! Band is a great adventure and now is the time to start! Look over

the instrument choices on the front and pick your top three choices. We will help you get placed on an instrument on one of the instrument placement nights. Please email Mr. Bruce at bruced@spart6.org if you are unable to attend one of the nights provided.

Dorman High School Band

The Dorman High School Band has a long and award-winning tradition! The Marching Band has made the state finals each of the last six years! Our top concert band made straight Superior Ratings at Concert Festival this year! The Dorman Jazz Band performs over a dozen times annually throughout the community! Our Indoor Drum Line has been ranked nationally the last two years! Each year we have over 20 students that are selected for the Region and All State Honor Bands! In the past few years the band has traveled to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Washington DC!

Important skills that your students learn by studying music

1. Self-Confidence – Achieving success on your instrument can help build self-confidence.
2. Coordination – Hand/Eye coordination has been shown to improve by studying music.
3. Team Work – Band is by definition a group of instrumentalists working together to reach musical goals.
4. Comprehension – Research shows that playing an instrument strengthens memory and comprehension.
5. Discipline – It takes discipline to excel on your instrument and to work toward your goals.
6. Arts Appreciation – Playing a band instrument helps students gain an appreciation for all the arts.
7. Communication – Music is a universal language. Learning to express your emotions through your instrument can carry over in to all aspects of life.
8. Mathematics – Yes, math! Playing a musical instrument has been proven to help students in math through number counting, beat fractions and symbol identification.
9. S.A.T. – Studies show that students that study music have been shown to score 30-40 points higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test that is used for college admissions than students who do not study music!

Famous people that play Band instrument

Jennifer Garner (Actress) – Saxophone
Gwen Stefani (Singer) – Flute
Julia Roberts (Actress) – Clarinet
John Glenn (Senator/Astronaut) – Trumpet
Steven Spielberg (Director) – Clarinet
Tony Stewart (NASCAR Driver) – Trombone

Mike Anderson (NFL Player) – Percussion
Dana Carvey (Comedian/Actor) – Percussion
Aretha Franklin (Singer) – Tuba
Halley Berry (Actress) – Flute
Steven Tyler (Singer) – Trumpet
Bill Clinton (US President) – Saxophone

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