

Dear Parents,

This week your child watched a band demonstration concert and was asked to consider joining band. Playing in band is a lot of fun and learning to play a musical instrument is proven to improve school work in all academic areas. We run a quality band program that is very popular with students and their families. Our philosophy is that every student is important and we strive to provide an enriching and fun activity to challenge each of our students.

To join the band, simply return the band scheduling form below as soon as possible and then schedule a band screening at a time that it works for at least one parent to attend. A band screening is a time when your child, along with you and one of the band directors in attendance, will get a chance to make sounds on all of the band instruments to see which one works best for them. Band Screenings are taking place from April 14-May 29. Please schedule a time for your child's band screening as soon as possible. It is preferred that you schedule a time using our online scheduling resource or, we will call those parents who prefer we schedule you via phone. **Online appointments can be made at [www.brainerdmusic.org](http://www.brainerdmusic.org) on the home page. Look for "Beginning Band Screening Appointments"**. The appointment lasts less than 30 minutes. Most available appointment times are listed on our website but there are additional times that will be scheduled as needed. At the end of the screening we will have decided together which instrument the child will play and discussed what your options for renting, buying or borrowing an instrument are. We have a very limited number of school instruments that are free of charge.

**Please realize that this is the only time to join band!** Starting band later in the year, or next year, is extremely difficult to catch up with the rest of the band students. The band directors will explain more about the band schedule and answer questions at the band screening.

If you are interested in having your child participate in Band, please complete the registration form below and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call either band director at the numbers listed below. Most band screening appointments will take place from April 14 to May 29. Please turn in the band form as soon as possible and register online for a band screening if your child is at all interested in trying an instrument for band.

Thank you,

Chuck Carlson (454-6083) and Jessica Moats (454-6082)

[www.BrainerdMusic.org](http://www.BrainerdMusic.org)

----- Return this portion to Homeroom Teacher-----

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number(s) of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to register for an appointment online at [www.brainerdmusic.org](http://www.brainerdmusic.org)      Yes      No

Would you prefer we call you to arrange an band screening instead?      Yes      No

Please turn in this form regardless of how you plan to register for a band screening. Thank you.

**Band**

# Join the Band!!

-Band is FUN!! You can learn to play the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba or Percussion.

-No experience is needed. We teach you how to read music and play the instrument that you choose.

-Band is during the school day and during a designated band class time. You will not miss out on regular instructional classroom time.

-You can be in Band and also be in Choir or Orchestra.

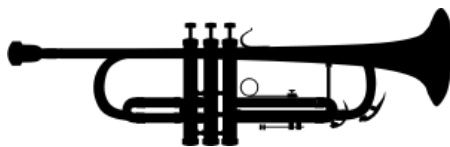
-Band does not conflict with any sports or other activities.

-Band Lessons are during school and are FREE!!

-Instruments can be rented/purchased locally for \$25-\$30 per month (saxophones are \$49).

-We perform at 2 concerts each year, one in the winter and one in May.

-We always play fun music and sound great so you will be proud to be a part of the band!!



Kids- Have your parents read the other side of this page and turn in the slip to your teacher to join the band!