

Beginning Band Instrument Selection Sessions

Dear Beginning Band Families,

First, welcome to BA band! We are delighted that you will be in band this year. We promise you a fun, challenging, and rewarding experience as you learn to play either your first instrument, or an instrument that is new to you. The band faculty are all veteran professional musicians/educators who love Jesus, love music, and love helping kids grow as musicians. We can't wait to meet you and get started!

And here's how we get started: We will hold **2 instrument selection sessions** to give you an overview of the program and help you pick the instrument you will play. The sessions are in the main band room on the lower level of the Fine Arts building and are scheduled for:

Monday, Aug. 17 at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6:00 PM

Please RSVP for one of these 2 sessions by emailing Mr. Nygren. This will help us set chairs in the band room for proper physical distancing during these sessions. To further help physical distancing, we also ask that each band student be accompanied by just one parent, not both, and no siblings if possible.

Each session will last approximately 45 minutes. Please arrive on time as the informational talk and instrument demonstrations will begin straight away. **If you cannot attend either of these two sessions on time, please email Mr. Nygren and we'll make other arrangements.**

Normally, we call these sessions instrument *trials* and kids actually play each of the instruments we offer in band. But due to Covid-19 safety restrictions, kids will not play the instruments this year. Instead, the band faculty will give a thorough demonstration/overview of each of the instruments we offer in band. Kids will then fill out a form to tell us their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

FYI, BA supplies all band instruments, books, music, and supplies to Beginning Band members free of charge. There are no extra costs for band participation at all except for concert attire. All other band details will be sent home in the class syllabus the first week of school.

Remember to **RSVP** for one of the sessions, and don't hesitate to email me if you have any other questions.

Welcome to Band!

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