Scott County Schools Band Program

5th Grade Band Information

Dear Parents:

We are conducting the beginning band program a bit differently this year. Due to minimal participation, and based on the success stories from other districts, we are not starting students on instruments this summer. However, ALL 5th grade students that are interested in Band will be invited to come to band class the first week of school this fall at Scott City Middle School. All students will be given the opportunity to play on ALL instruments and the ONLY time they may try out for 3 percussion positions will be on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017, during class**. We will send a note home with your student letting you know what instruments will be most successful for them. EVERYONE IS MADE DIFFERENTLY and for this reason it is IMPERATIVE that you wait to purchase or rent instruments until your child has had the chance to try all instruments.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m, there will be an instrument display in the Scott City middle school band room. At that time, you may have the opportunity to purchase or rent an instrument. We plan to have a list of local instruments for sale as well as contacts for those available that evening. All students will have instruments within the first two weeks of school and all will begin at the same level. We are confident that your child will enjoy the benefits of playing an instrument! If you have any questions, please contact us. Reminders of this date will be sent out at the beginning of school. This will be a very exciting time for your child as he/she explores an opportunity that can provide him/her a lifetime of enjoyment and fulfillment.

Please do not purchase instruments over the summer! We strongly recommend you <u>do not</u> purchase instruments from a source such as AMAZON.com as we have had significant issues with these instruments in the past.

The number one factor contributing to individual success is GROUP SUCCESS that depends on properly balanced instrumentation. Therefore, it is important that you get the instrument recommended for your child on August 22.

We look forward to meeting you on August 22. If you have questions about band, please email or call us at the numbers below. Thank you for your interest in the band program.

Sincerely,

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