

# Hillsboro 6th Grade Band Sign-Up Night

Good Evening and Welcome to 6th Grade Band Sign-Up Night!

This handout has some information you might want to know about Band at HJHS!

## **What instrument should my student play?**

That's really up to them and you! Trying out the band instruments is very important because every student is different. Some students are going to be more successful on certain instruments than others, and it's important for us to find that out!

Some students might not have success on the instrument they really want to play, and that's okay! Sometimes the instrument we'll have the most fun playing we don't know about yet! Mr. Drake can help you find it!

## **What instruments can we play in Band?**

Here is a list: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, and Percussion!

It's okay if you don't know what those are yet!

## **We've picked an instrument. Now what?**

Our first day with instruments will be the second day of school! That gives you almost FOUR MONTHS from today to find an instrument! HJHS works with the Music Shoppe ([themusicshoppe.com](http://themusicshoppe.com)) and we have Mark Lipinski working with us tonight! The Music Shoppe is a very good resource for renting instruments and getting instrument products, which we'll need throughout our band experience. Mark is available to walk you through the rental process, answering any questions you have about the program, and helping you find something that fits your price point. The Music Shoppe functions significantly online, so once you talk with them you can complete sign up for rentals online.

If you decide to not go through the Music Shoppe, please check the brand and quality of instrument you are getting from your source. Instruments purchased on Amazon and other cheaper options are in most cases very low quality products and repair shops (such as the Music Shoppe) will not repair them because they are not worth the work. Please make sure Mr. Drake approves the instrument you purchase so we can have the highest quality instrument in your students hands.

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**What else does my student need besides their instrument?**

-Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (for the instrument your student is playing)

**Maintenance Products: (If you rent with the Music Shoppe, these will come with)**

Clarinets - Rico or Juno Reeds Size #2 and Cork Grease

Saxophones - Rico or Juno Reeds Alto Saxophone Size #2 and Cork Grease

Flute - Cleaning Rod

Oboe - Cork Grease and Oboe Reeds (talk to Mr. Drake)

Trumpets - Valve Oil and Slide Grease

Trombones - Slide Oil and Slide Grease

Baritones - Valve Oil and Slide Grease

Percussion - Snare Drum Sticks (Vic Firth SD1) and Bell Mallets

**Not Required but recommended:**

A Music Stand for Home practice!

If you have any questions about the HJHS Band program feel free to reach out to me at [ddrake@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:ddrake@hillsboroschools.net)!

My goal is for your student to enjoy their time in the Band program so if you or they need anything, just let me know!

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