



Lancaster City Schools
Instrumental Music Department

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WELCOME!

*Beginning Band Students
and Parents*

Beginning Band Instructors



DAVID BODE

Director of Bands

General Sherman Junior High School

Brass Instructor

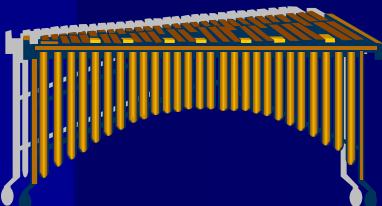


BRUCE GERKEN

Director of Bands

Thomas Ewing Junior High School

Percussion Instructor



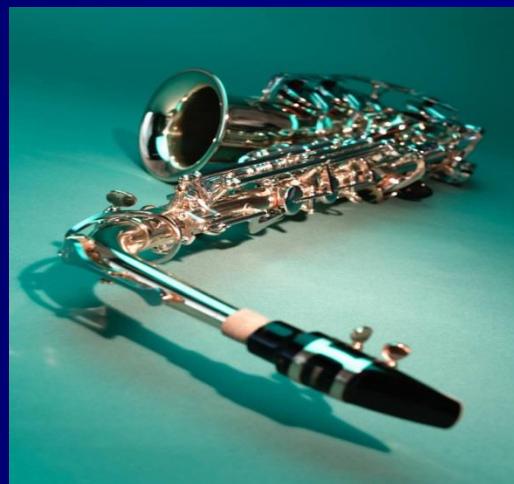
Beginning Band Instructors

CASSANDRA BULL

General Music Teacher

General Sherman Junior High School

Woodwind Instructor



5th Grade Beginning Band

- Band class is scheduled during the school day
- Students will meet one time a week in woodwind, brass, and percussion groups.
- Students will have assignments from their instructor that will need to be practiced at home for their next lesson
- Students will need to have their instrument, book, and pencil for each lesson at school.

10 Week Trial Period

- The first 10 weeks is a trial period. Before the 10 weeks is over, you will receive a yellow progress report and a letter in the mail. This card will have recommendations from your child's instructor.

After the 10 Week Trial Period

- All students that were recommended to continue, should do so on their current instrument.
- If you decide to change instruments your child's teacher must be notified FIRST.
- If the student and parent decide to discontinue the program contact the teacher BEFORE returning the instrument
- Lack of time, staff, and space, makes it nearly impossible to switch instruments after the first couple lessons.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Kids need to choose the instrument they like, not the one their friends like. Students and parents should also consider the recommendations made from the screening.
- Have used instruments inspected by a qualified instrument repair technician before the first class.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to practice at home.
- Remain nearby during the practice times as often as possible.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Schedule consistent daily times for practice.
- Have your child perform for you and relatives.
- Praise your child's efforts and acknowledge improvement.
- Make sure your child takes proper care of the instrument.

What Has Happened So Far?

School Recruitment Assembly

- Students had an opportunity to see and hear each beginning instrument.
- Students were given the opportunity to try different instruments of their choice.
- Recommendations were made by the music staff to help determine which instrument would fit your child the best for optimal success
- Recommendations were written on a letter sent home with your child.

Proper Ways to Obtain an Instrument

- Local Music Stores
- Hand-me-downs or Attic Instruments
 - Family and Friends
 - Make sure it was recommended by music staff.

Proper Ways to Obtain an Instrument

■ Newspaper Ads or Advertiser

- Any instrument not coming from a music store needs to be checked by a qualified technician before classes start.

Ways to Obtain an Instrument NOT RECOMMENDED!!

Internet Web Sites

- *No quality guarantee, repair service, or returns.

Department Stores

- *Usually made of inferior materials and workmanship
- *Cannot be repaired

Ask your Band Director when in doubt!

Recommended Instrument Brands

Suggested Woodwinds

Selmer, Gemeinhardt, Vito, Artley, Yamaha,
Leblanc, Armstrong

Suggested Brass

Selmer (USA), Conn, King, Yamaha, Bach,
Getzen

(Please make sure instrument is not from overseas)

Required Percussion Instrument

ONLY the Musser M650, M651, OR
M652

Percussion Kit

Bells and Practice Pad

Accessories Needed

Woodwinds

- Three #2 Reeds and cork grease for Alto Sax and Clarinet
- Flutes need soft handkerchief-like cloth
- Standard of Excellence Book 1 for appropriate instrument
- Wire Music Stand

Brass

- Valve Oil, Slide Oil (Trombones), Tuning Slide Grease
- Standard of Excellence Book 1 for appropriate instrument
- Wire Music Stand

Percussion

- Mr. Gerken will give you additional materials during the first week of school.
- Wire Music Stand
- Book - Drum Method Book 1 by Haskel Harr

What Happens Next?

- Acquire instrument, book, and music stand before the first day of class (the week of January 17th).
 - Tallmadge at West – *Tuesday, January 17*
 - Gorsuch West – *Wednesday, January 18*
 - Tarhe Trails – *Thursday, January 19*
 - Sanderson and Medill at East – *Friday, January 20*
 - Mt. Pleasant – *Monday January 23*
- Instruments need to be picked up after school to practice at home.

Questions?

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