

# Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band!

2024 - 2025

Virtual Participants please go to [www.clintonmassieband.com](http://www.clintonmassieband.com) then click the middle school link. You will see documents to open for this meeting.

# *Meet the director! - Christin McClain*

- I am finishing my 26th year in teaching, 20<sup>th</sup> year at Clinton-Massie.*
- Raised in Loveland, Ohio. Bachelor Degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, Masters in Educational Leadership from Concordia.*
- My husband, son (finishing junior year), and I live in the district.*
- My educational goal is that EVERY child should experience music. Playing an instrument is a great life lesson for our children!*

# *Clinton-Massie Band*

- *CM has band classes in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, high school band, and hs jazz band.*
- *After school programs -*
  - *Middle school jazz band*
  - *Middle school drum line club*
  - *High School – Marching Band, Winter Percussion, and Winter Guard*
- ***We are the largest school educational group at Massie.***
- ***In 2023 - 2024 160 Clinton-Massie students participated in the band program.***

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Class Requirements



- Instrument
- Class Book – Essential Elements
- Pencil
- Folder
- Name tag for your instrument
- Great attitude!

# *Participation and Grades*

- The purpose of beginning band is to learn!
- The focus will be on trying and participation.
- Grades will reflect participation and preparation.
- Concerts - One per quarter
  - Dates are given at the beginning of the year.



# *What to play in band?*

Woodwind –

Flute

Trombone

Brass

Trumpet

Alto Saxophone

Clarinet

\*\* French Horn

Percussion (Limited #'s)

Includes snare, bass, mallets, etc.

All percussion students must attend a fitting meeting.



Where to start? Check out this video.

## SAXOPHONE

WOODWIND MADE OF METAL

SINGLE REED

PLAYS 3 OCTAVES

CAN BE USED IN JAZZ BAND

THERE IS ALSO A TENOR SAX



# How to pick the best instrument?

What are fitting meetings?

15 minute appointments where your child will work with a professional.

Fitting Meetings are important at helping students find the right instrument for them.

Tuesday, May 14th

3:45 pm- 7:00 pm

\*\* Sign up genius at the end of the meeting. \*\*



# *How do you get an instrument?*

- **My top recommendation is to rent an instrument.**
  - As a parent, I suggest a rental program that can give you a level of security.
    - Return the instrument when needed (no additional charge)
    - Repair and fix instrument when needed
    - Understand that you will have a quality instrument with NO issues
    - Parents can exchange an instrument if the kid switches
  - Music and Arts visits us once a week to bring supplies, repairs, etc.
  - Rental programs are a “rent to own” ranging from around \$30 – 60 a month.

# Why “Music and Arts?”

We have used this company for around 16 years. This group is at our school once a week.

They provide good service, repairs, and supplies.

I highly recommend this company for your music needs.

For a Song and a Story is a satellite store of Music and Arts.



# *Other ways to get an instrument -*

- **Borrow a used instrument from family and/or friend**

- This is a wonderful way to get an instrument. My suggestion is still do a fitting meeting to double check. Also, bring in the used instrument and let us check it out and make sure it doesn't need repaired.

- **Purchase an instrument**

- I don't recommend purchasing an instrument right away. If you do purchase an instrument, avoid "no-name" (check list) or online purchases. Lower prices normally = lower quality.

- **School Instruments**

- I want everyone to participate in band. We have a set of "school owned" instruments available for kids in need. We can assign a student an instrument. The student is able to use the instrument for as long as they stay in band!

# *Suggested Music Stores*

- Music and Arts
  - We are served by this company on a weekly basis!
  - For a Song and a Story (Wilmington) is a satellite store
- Hauer Music (Dayton)
- Buddy Rogers (Cincinnati)

## **Suggested brand names for instruments –**

**Flute – Yamaha or Gemeinhardt**

**Clarinet – Selmer or Yamaha**

**Saxophone - Yamaha or Selmer**

**Trumpet – Conn, Yamaha, or Getzen**

**Trombone – Yamaha or Conn**

**Percussion - Ludwig or Pearl**

# Meet of Music Rep. - Jeff Bonifas



*Join us for a wonderful year . . . And beyond!*



# Attention 5th Graders!

The band is hosting  
instrument fittings  
on Tuesday, May 14th

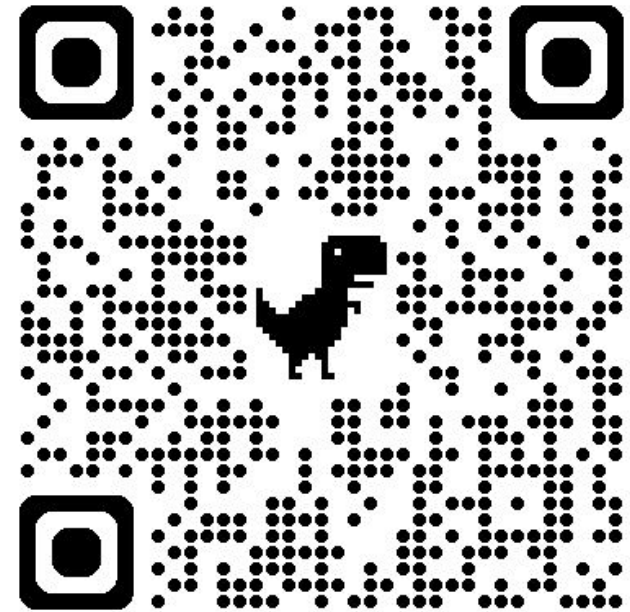


**Any 5th grader can set up an appointment!**

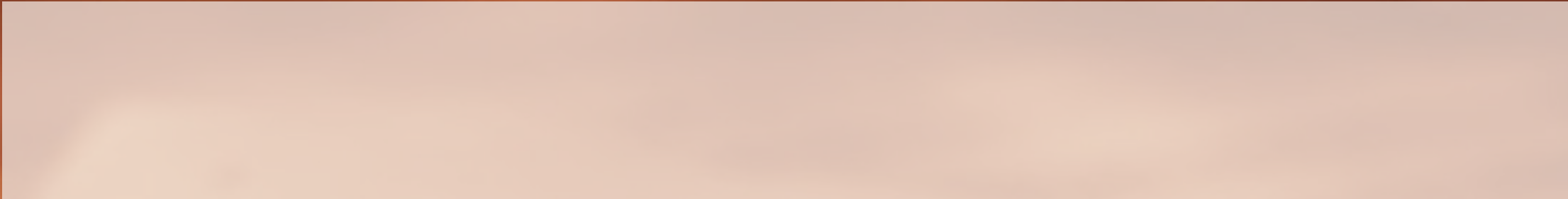
Professionals will be in the band room and  
you can try out all of the instruments.

Email Mrs. McClain if you have any questions.

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