

**District 41 Instrumental Music Department**  
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## ***How to Register for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band 2008-2009***

**You can register for band one of two ways:**

1. Attend the Registration Night on Thursday, May 22, 2008 OR
2. Register by downloading the Beginning Band forms and sending them to Mr. Crews at Hadley.

The following is information contained in this packet.

1. **The Beginning Band Handbook** - Read and keep this information for future use. It contains all band dates for the school year.
2. **Band Registration form and District Participation Fee**- Please print neatly and return along with your child's registration fee. If you do not register at the Registration meeting, please mail the form and fee to Mr. Crews at Hadley.
3. **Rent an instrument:** Music & Arts Company will assist you at the Registration night or over the phone: 630-285-1485. Your child will also need two lesson books as stated later in this packet.

### **Music for All:**

The District 41 Music Education Foundation sponsors a program called **Music for All**, for those individuals who qualify for financial assistance in renting an instrument and payment of fees. Please look at the [www.d41.org](http://www.d41.org) website for the MEF link. Click on *Music for All* to download an application.

### **Questions:**

Please email me at [jweiland@d41.org](mailto:jweiland@d41.org) answer any other questions. My voicemail is 630-534-7657.

Musically yours,

Jan Weiland  
Beginning Band Director

## *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band Handbook 2008-2009*

### **Beginners will need:**

1. **Lesson book** - *Woodwind and brass wind students* will be using the "Yamaha Band Student" method, Book 1 for their particular instrument **and** "Concert Favorites, Volume 2" by Hal Leonard. *Drummers* will use the Haskell Harr drum lesson book 1 **and** "Concert Favorites, Volume 2" by Hal Leonard.
2. **A portable music stand** – students will need this stand to practice in proper position at home, and for use at rehearsals and concerts. Please label both parts of the stand with the student's name.
3. **An instrument** in *good* playing condition. Drummers will need a Remo practice pad on an adjustable stand, a pair of Vic Firth drumsticks size 2B *and* a separate bag or backpack in which to keep their equipment.

### **Instrument Rental:**

We highly recommend that you rent an instrument, rather than buy one. Rental offers the benefits of trying an instrument without a big financial commitment. Also, reputable rental companies include a repair plan along with the rental; any instrument that needs repair during the rental period will be repaired without additional cost.

Representatives from the educational department of **Music & Arts Company** will assist you in renting an instrument and discussing the rental plan. Payment will be expected, so please bring your checkbook, cash or charge card. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may call Music & Arts at (630) 285-1485 directly.

### **Recommended Instrument Brands:**

All instrument brands are not created equal. A good quality instrument will ensure that your child has every advantage in learning to play correctly. **We recommend instruments made by Yamaha Corporation.** We do not recommend purchasing from Ebay, wholesale clubs, or discount stores.

### **District Participation Fee:**

A *separate* District 41 **participation fee** of \$30.00 will also be collected at this meeting. This check should be made out to **Glen Ellyn School District 41**. If you do not attend the meeting, you will need to mail the check to Mr. Crews at Hadley.

### **Choosing An Instrument:**

We asked students to choose the instrument they would like to study. Most of them chose the one that sounds the best to them. This is probably the most valid and lasting reason for studying that instrument. However, sometimes a student chose an instrument that did not suit them – it was too large, too big for their hands or the mouthpiece was unsuitable for that child's mouth and teeth. In that case, as professionals we made recommendations of instruments that we thought would fit that child better.

### Step-Up instruments:

Instruments listed on the left are the ones we find suitable for beginning students.

#### **Start on This:**

Clarinet...  
Flute...  
Cornet...  
Trombone...  
Baritone...

#### **To Learn To Play:**

Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon  
Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Bassoon  
Trumpet, French Horn, Baritone  
Trombone, Tuba  
Baritone, Tuba

### Beginning Band Lessons

Group lessons of *like* instruments will be scheduled at your child's school. Mrs. Jan Weiland, the beginning band director, will teach these lessons.

1. Students are taken out of class for about 30 minutes each week.
2. Lessons are scheduled on a rotating basis so that students do not miss the same class time each week. Students may arrange with Mrs. Weiland ahead of time if there is a conflict.
3. Lesson schedules will be worked-out and distributed to your student at *his or her* school in the Fall.

### Rehearsals and Concerts

To prepare for concert performances, rehearsals are scheduled so students learn to play together.

1. All rehearsals will be held at **Hadley Jr. High in the auditorium from 7:00-7:45 PM.**
2. **Rehearsals for the Winter Concert are:**  
Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
Tuesday, December 2  
Tuesday, December 9
3. **The Winter Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**
4. **Rehearsal dates for the Spring Concert are:**  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
Tuesday, April 14  
Tuesday, April 21
5. **The Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 23.**
6. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from rehearsals; car-pooling is suggested. Students should arrive 10-15 before each rehearsal to find their seat and assemble their instrument.

### Courtesy:

If your child is unable to attend any lessons or rehearsals, please be courteous and notify the director ahead of time. Email is best.

### Practice

To be successful in any endeavor, practice is necessary.

1. Students should practice at least 30 minutes each day, 5 days in a row.
2. In the beginning, shorter periods of practice are recommended. Two 15-minute sessions at first and then work up to 30 minutes.
3. Help your child set a regular time of the day for practicing, just as you would for homework.
4. *Quality* is as important as *Quantity*. Practice for results not minutes!

### Parents are the most important part of success in band!

Feel free to attend some lessons and rehearsals. Listen to your child practice at home. Positive reinforcement with **consistent** and **quality practice** is the key to success! Keep in touch with the band director and contact us when you have a question or concern.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band Registration  
And District Fee – 2008-2009**

**Completion of this form will register your child in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band Program**

**District Fee:**

Glen Ellyn School District #41 collects a participation fee to offset the cost of operating certain school district programs. Students who participate in these programs are required to pay a fee based on the following schedule:

To participate in one program: \$30.00 per child

To participate in two programs: \$30.00 + \$15.00 per child

To participate in three programs: \$30.00 + \$15.00 + \$7.50 per child

To participate in four programs: \$30.00 + \$15.00 + \$7.50 + \$3.75 per child

If your child will be participating in the Band Program, please complete the form below and send it with a check payable to Glen Ellyn School District #41. Please mail the form and check to:

**Don Crews  
Music Department  
Hadley Junior High School  
240 Hawthorne Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

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(Please detach and send with payment)

**Glen Ellyn School District 41  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band Program Enrollment Form**

Please enroll my child in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Band for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to **Glen Ellyn School District #41**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** BF CH FG LIN

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work/Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**VERY IMPORTANT!** Email \_\_\_\_\_

All Beginning Band information is emailed to parents on a periodic basis. Please print clearly.

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument Chosen:**

Flute          Clarinet          Trumpet          Trombone          Baritone          Drums

