

# PARENTS!

- Students in the Texas All-State Band consistently average 20% higher than the national average and 22% higher than the state average on the SAT.
- Students in band achieve higher academically, have lower drop out rates, and have better attendance than students that are not in band.
- Many band students earn college music scholarships. Some band seniors even get to go to college totally free due to their academic and musical accomplishments and they are able to major in anything! AND they get to keep playing their instrument!

Famous people were in band - here are a few!

Flute - Gwen Stephani, Lizzo  
Oboe - Julia Roberts  
Clarinet - Stephen Spielberg  
Bassoon - Rain Wilson  
Saxophone - Bill Clinton, Jennifer Garner  
Trumpet - Kesha, Samuel Jackson  
French Horn - Ewan McGregor  
Trombone - Tony Stewart, Jimmy Fallon  
Euphonium - Neil Armstrong  
Tuba - Andy Griffith, Aretha Franklin  
Percussion - Johnny Carson



# WHY BAND?

- Band is Fun!!!!
- Band develops coordination!
- Over 200 Instant Friends!
- Multi-Talented: You can be in band, sports, Ag, and many others!
- Band Contests!
- Band Concerts!
- Band Trips!
- Learn to play your favorite songs!
- Get a chance to be a leader!
- Learning to play an instrument is COOL!
- Every year band gets more fun and better!

## WFGMS Hawk BAND



### Directors

Mr. Rudy Leal - Head MS Director

Mr. Jonathan Fortson - MS/HS  
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## LETTER FROM DIRECTORS

Dear Future Band Member!

Thank you for being interested in joining the best student organization at WF George Middle School! We are excited to have you as a new Hawk Band Member! Band is made up of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at WFGMS. In band you will make friends, play awesome music, and go on fun trips. Plus, skills that are developed in band tend to promote success in all your other classes! The friends and memories you make in band will last a lifetime! We want every student to get to experience the awesomeness of band and we do not want you to miss out on all of the fun! Choose Band when you sign up for your classes and let your musical adventure begin!

Contact Mr. Leal if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you next year in the Hawk Band Program!

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## FAQ

### How do I join Band?

It's easy! Select Band when it's time to sign up for classes. Later on we will visit so you can try out instruments. Band will count as your fine arts credit for middle school.

### Is Band expensive?

Not at all! We make sure that band is affordable for everyone. If you are not able to rent an instrument, we will provide one for you!

### Do I have to start in 6th grade?

Starting in 6th grade makes it easier to learn an instrument. If you do not start in 6th grade you will be behind in 7th grade.

### What else will I do in Band?

Besides being an amazing musician!.. We go on trips (Frontier City and Disney). We perform concerts for your parents and friends. Band will prepare you for high school and eventually college.

# WHAT INSTRUMENT CAN I PLAY?

When we meet to discuss what you want to play, we'll give you an opportunity to try any or all of the instruments available. With the help of professionals, we will guide you to the best instrument that fits you and your natural abilities. It's always good to have a few ideas about what you want to play before we discuss your options. Below is a list of instruments you can choose in 6th grade.

## WOODWINDS -

Flute, Oboe, Bassoon\*, Clarinet, Saxophone\*, are part of the woodwind family, these instruments are usually made of wood or a wood composite, and use a reed to make a sound. The exception to needing a reed is the flute! We have a limited number of spots available for instruments with a \*. Please have two or three instruments in mind in case the limit has been reached!



## BRASS -

Trumpet\*, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba are part of the brass family. These instruments all require a mouthpiece to produce their sound. We have a limited number of spots available for instruments with a \*. Please have two or 3 instruments in mind in case the limit has been reached!



## PERCUSSION\* -

Being selected for percussion incorporates learning a variety of instruments within the percussion family. A few that will be learned in your first year of band are to name a few (xylophone, glockenspiel, timpani, bass drum, snare drum, triangle, sleigh bells). If selected to be in percussion, a bell kit must be rented or purchased. We have a limited number of spots available for percussion \*. Please have two or 3 instruments in mind in case the limit has been reached!

