

Band

Spring Creek Middle School



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Dear Student and Parents,

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My name is Eric Hatch and I'm the band teacher at Spring Creek Middle School. Registration for seventh grade is coming soon and I'd like to invite your child to be a part of the band! Seventh grade beginning band is the *crucial* first step if your child wants to learn an instrument and eventually be a part of our awesome high school band programs. *Beginning* band is not available in later grades, so *now* is the only time to give it a try. All other electives can be taken in later grades, but this is the **ONLY** time to take beginning band. So give it a try!

Please consider the many benefits of participating in band. Band students consistently test higher in reading and math and gain immense satisfaction and confidence from learning a new skill, performing in front of audiences, and working as a team. Band is more than a class. We're a team! Do **NOT** miss this opportunity for your child to take **BAND**!

Please call or text me if you have any questions: 435-753-5284 or email at: eric.hatch@ccsdut.org

What are the instruments?

Woodwinds	Brass	Percussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flute• Clarinet• Oboe• Bassoon• Saxophone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trumpet• Trombone• French Horn• Euphonium• Tuba	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bell kit – includes xylophone, drum pad, sticks, mallets, stand, kit bag

How much does band cost?

The first concern of most parents is the cost of participating in band. We offer different solutions to make band affordable for every student. I work very hard to make sure that cost is never a reason for a student to not be in band. Here are your options:

Option 1: Purchase an instrument (new or used) from a reputable music store. Most stores offer affordable *rent-to-own* options for as little as \$15-25 per month. This is probably the best option because you are most likely to get a quality instrument. Also, students who work to earn part of the money for an instrument are more committed, practice more, and tend to stick with it longer.

Do **NOT** buy an instrument from ebay or amazon.com or from a big box retailer like WalMart. Do **NOT** buy an instrument that is a *non-traditional color*, like blue or pink. These will for sure be terrible brands and will have problems that will frustrate your child. Good deals on good brands *can* be found on ksl.com classifieds if you can find an instrument locally that you can look at in person. Please call me first to discuss brands and if it's a good deal or not.

Option 2: Use an instrument your family already owns. Neighbors or friends who have had kids in band in the past may also be interested in loaning or selling their instrument. Ask around on *Facebook*. Old instruments often have issues that make it difficult for your child to play. Please take your old instrument to The Book Table or Trevor Teuscher (435-770-5586), or any other business that cleans and repairs instruments before school starts.

Option 3: Rent an instrument from the school -- \$100 for the school year. This option exists for the following large or expensive instruments: oboe, bassoon, euphonium, trombone, or tuba. The school does have *all* the band instruments to rent, like flutes, clarinets, and trumpets, but these come on a “first-to-call-and-ask-me-basis,” and fee-waiver kids get first priority. Please call or text me ASAP about this option if money is a concern and I’ll make it work. Again, money should *never* get in the way of your child participating in band. Please *call me* to discuss this option and I’ll make it work. If your child is unsure about band, perhaps renting from the school is a good option to give it a try without committing too much money at first.

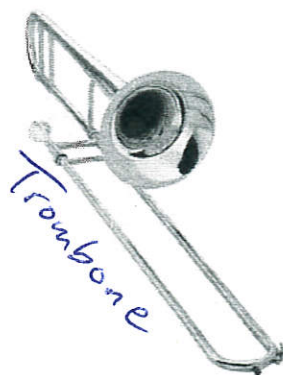
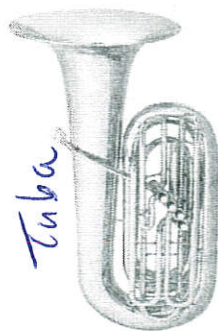
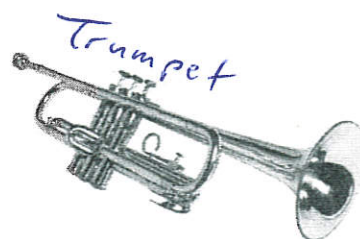
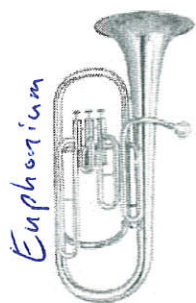
How and when do students sign up? When you come to the school for 7th grade registration you will mark **one of the three band classes**, depending on the instrument you choose: **woodwinds, brass, or percussion.**

Where’s the best place to get an instrument? The following businesses offer great new or used purchase prices or *rent-to-own* options. Shop around for the best deals. KSL.com classifieds are also a good place to look.

The Book Table
29 South Main
Logan
(435) 752-3055

Summerhays Music
5420 S. Green Street
Murray
(800) 662-6666
summerhaysmusic.com
(they’ll deliver)

KSM Music
50 W. 400 N. Logan
(435) 753-6813



percussion

- In a 2000 survey, 73% of teacher respondents agreed that teens that play an instrument are less likely to have discipline problems. Americans love making music and value music education more highly than ever. – American Music Conference, 2000.
- A ten-year study indicated that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background. – Dr. James Catterall, UCLA
- A 1997 study of elementary students in an arts-based program concluded that students’ math test scores rose as their time in arts education classes increased. – “Arts Exposure and Class Performance,” Phi Delta Kappan, October, 1998.
- College admissions officers continue to cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions decisions. They claim that music participation demonstrates time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness. – Carl Hartmen, “Arts May Improve Students’ Grades,” The Associated Press, October, 1999.