

STALEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
2011-2012
BEGINNING BAND PACKET



I came to the screening... now what!

Welcome to Staley Middle School Band Program! We are excited you had a chance to try an instrument! To help you know what to do next please follow the next steps and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

You will find that many of our students feel like band is much more than a class, we become a family! We hope to continue this tradition and look forward to working with your student in the upcoming year. To help answer any questions you might have and make sure everything is squared away, please read this packet and let us know if you have any questions.

Step 1) Be screened and choose an instrument.

If you received this paperwork, odds are that you already know what your child is playing next year. If you do not know, or are waiting on lottery results, that is ok! We screen over half of the incoming 6th grade class and we will do our best to post everything as soon as possible. *If you have not been screened please contact a band director to set up an appointment.*

Step 2) Put band NUMBER ONE on your schedule

Until you turn in your schedule with band listed first, you are not in band. We encourage everyone to try band in 6th grade and even students who have not tried an instrument can still put band first on their schedule. Again, the only way to guarantee to be in band is to turn in your schedule card with band marked as your FIRST choice!!!

Step 3) Reserve an instrument

It would be best to reserve instruments as soon as possible. Most music stores will set up contacts now, but you will not begin payments until you receive the instrument at the start of next school year. There are many great local stores and you are welcome to shop around and compare prices. Be wary of online deals as it is difficult to tell the quality of the instrument from a short descriptions and picture. If you think you have found a deal that is not through a local music store please let a director know as we can help guide you through the process (there are deals out there!).

School Owned Instruments- Oboe, Bassoon, Horn, Euphonium, and Tuba are school owned instruments and are not rented through the music stores. If your child is placed on one of these instruments we will have an instrument ready at the start of school.

Financial Concerns- If you have financial concerns with instrumental rentals or band supply cost PLEASE let us know. We have additional school instruments, scholarships, and even a work program available to help any interested student be in band. Please contact Mr. Wood if you are interested. *All scholarships are based on financial need and only serious applicants should apply.*

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Step 4) Get the gear

You should receive a paper that has a specific list of supplies based on your instrument. Most items will be purchased through the music store. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. *Note any student choosing percussion as their top choice will receive two lists- one for percussion and one for their alternate instrument choice. Once the percussion class is finalized this will allow you to have in your possession the appropriate supply list. Students will know if they made the percussion class by Friday 4/15 after we get a chance to screen everyone.*

Step 5) Enjoy your summer

The hardest part is always the wait! You are finished when you have band marked first and have your instrument reserved. Most instruments are delivered at the end of summer and students are asked to wait until our band camp to learn the fundamentals of your new instrument! *We encourage beginners NOT to take private lessons over the summer. All students will start with basic fundamentals and we find that it is usually best to wait until they can receive instruction on a daily basis to begin. (this also helps in avoiding bad habits!)*

Step 6) Come to our summer camp! AUGUST 8th & 9th (see summer camp page)

Our summer camp is a GREAT way to get a head start! The first day we will get to know everyone and learn some of the basics that lead to success. The second day **we receive our instruments** and learn basic care, how to assemble our instrument, and may even make our first note! We encourage ALL students to attend as this is a great way to see old friends and meet new ones before school even starts! More information can be found later in this packet.

Also found in this packet:

- Recommended instrument/supply list
- 2011 Summer Camp information
- Band Parent FAQ and Membership form

Be sure to check out our band website: www.staleyband.org
Staley Middle School Beginning Instrument Staff

Mr. Chad Wood, Head Band Director

Beginning classes taught- Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
woodc@friscoisd.org

Mr. Shaun Gray, Assistant Band Director

Beginning classes taught- Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Sax
469-633-4520 grays@friscoisd.org

Mr. Andy Pruyn, Percussion Coordinator, Beginning classes taught- Percussion
Andy.pruyn@gmail.com

STALEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNING BAND

RECOMMENDED INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES

(Percussion list and music store information on back side)

<p>Music Store Supplies for all instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♫ <u>ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000</u>, BOOK ONE for their chosen instrument. ♫ Wire Music Stand ♫ Tuner/metronome (KORG TM-40 preferred) ♫ <i>Optional tuner clip for metronome</i> 	<p>General Supplies for all instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♫ 1 inch binder with pockets (any color) ♫ <i>Optional 5 tab dividers for binder</i> ♫ Pencil ♫ <i>Optional combination lock for band locker</i>
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FLUTE

Beginner & Intermediate: Jupiter 711RBSO w/ B-foot and Offset G key

Alternate Beginner: Yamaha Model 281

Extra Supplies: cleaning rod, polishing cloth, silk handkerchief, joint grease (optional)

*OBOE and BASSOON (school-owned)

Two medium strength reeds (Graham Reeds or Singin' Dog reeds preferred to start the year)

Extra Supplies: cork grease, silk swab, and reed case

Oboe – Hodges reed case (holds up to 3 reeds)

Bassoon – Fox reed case (holds up to 4 reeds)

CLARINET

Beginner: Buffet Model E-11 *Mouthpiece:* Vandoren M13 Lyre w/ Rovner “Dark” ligature and bite pad

Beginner & Intermediate: Jupiter Model 931N *Mouthpiece:* same

Extra Supplies: Vandoren size 2 ½ reeds (Blue Box), cork grease, mouthpiece brush, **thin** cloth swab, reed guard (holds 4 reeds)

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Beginner: Yamaha Model YAS-23

Mouthpiece: Vandoren Optimum AL3 or Selmer C* w/ Rovner “Dark” ligature and bite pad

Intermediate: Yamaha 475 or Yamaha 62

Extra Supplies: Vandoren size 2 ½ reeds (Blue Box), cork grease, mouthpiece brush, **thin** cloth swab, reed guard (holds 4 reeds)

TRUMPET

King Model 601 with 1st valve saddle, Bach 5B mouthpiece

Yamaha Model YTR 2335 TH, Bach 5B mouthpiece

Extra Supplies: soft cloth, valve oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake, BERP

*HORN (school owned)

Mouthpiece: Holton Farkas MDC

Extra Supplies: soft cloth, rotor oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake, BERP

TROMBONE

Conn Model 50H, Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece

Yamaha Model YSL 356 or YSL 354, Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece

Extra Supplies: soft cloth, slide grease, Slide-o-Mix cream, water spray bottle, mouthpiece brush, snake, BERP

*EUPHONIUM (school owned)

Mouthpiece: Bach 6 ½ AL

Extra Supplies: soft cloth, valve oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake, BERP

*TUBA (school owned)

Mouthpiece: Bach 18

Extra Supplies: soft cloth, **two** bottles of valve oil, **two** bottles of slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake, BERP

**Students playing on school- owned instruments will not need to rent from the music store. However, if your student is chosen to play a school- owned instrument, they are still required to purchase the extra supplies before the start of Beginning Band Camp. School- owned instruments will be assigned during Beginning Band Camp and rental fees will be discussed after the start of the school year.*

Families who need assistance with supplies or instrument rental costs should fill out an SMS band financial aid packet. Please do not let financial concerns get in the way of your student taking band! We are committed to making band available to everyone interested no matter what!

PERCUSSION Preference List

Equipment

1. MPM Practice Marimba from Marimba Warehouse or similar practice Marimba (3 octave with 1 3/4" bars)
Students that cannot rent a practice marimba will need to practice regularly in the band hall on our school owned instruments.
2. Remo 8" Practice Pad (RT-00XX-00)
3. Remo Practice Pad Stand (Remo ST-1000-10)

Books

1. A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion by Mark Wessels
2. A Fresh Approach to Snare Drum by Mark Wessels

Other Supplies:

1. Wire music Stand
2. Boss TU-80 Metronome
3. One pair of **concert snare drum sticks**. The sticks must be concert snare drum with wood tips, NOT DRUMSET STICKS. We recommend Vic Furth SD1, Innovative Percussion IP-LD, or Pro-Mark SD1
4. One pair of **medium hard yarn mallets**. We recommend Vic Firth M114 or Innovative Percussion IP-300
5. A basic **mallet bag** for carrying your sticks and mallets. Be sure to write your name on it!
6. 1" Binder (any color) w/Sheet Protectors

You are welcome to compare prices at any local music store or order directly from Lone Star Percussion. (Lonestar Percussion will not have a practice marimba option- for this you should talk to a local music store)
<http://www.lonestarpercussion.com/>

If you have any questions on purchasing or renting an instrument, or would like to use an instrument that is not on this list please contact your child's band director.

Local Music Store Information

Music & Arts (Frisco) www.musicarts.com
3211 Preston Road Suite 211 Frisco, TX. 75034 (972) 668-1176

The BandConnection (Allen) www.band-connection.com
1210 W. McDermott, Suite 105 Allen, TX. 75013 (214) 383-4885

Williamson Music (Plano) www.williamsonmusicco.com
701 E. Plano Parkway #100 Plano, TX 75074 (972) 516-1331

Music 1st (Frisco) www.music-1st.net
6807 Main St. Frisco, TX 75034 (469) 362-7171

Brook Mays (Dallas) www.brookmays.com
5756 LBJ Freeway Dallas, TX 75240 (800) 637-8966

Online Music Store Information

Woodwind & Brasswind www.wwbw.com

Music 123 www.music123.com

Muncy Winds www.muncywinds.com

ProWinds www.prowinds.com

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING MEMBERS ABOUT THE SMSBPA

What is the SMSBPA?

The Staley Middle School Band Parent Association is a booster organization that exists to provide additional funds and support for all band students at Staley Middle School.

Why is it important that I get involved?

The band at Staley is one of the largest organizations on campus. Along with class instruction, the BPA helps sponsor concessions, school wide functions, spirit nights, and much more. The more parents that are involved the easier each event works.

What are funds used for?

All of the money raised goes directly back into the band program. The largest portion of the BPA budget is providing scholarships for student supplies or private lessons. Another key aspect of the boosters is bringing trip costs down for all members. Without booster support the band would not be able to travel nearly as much and reward trips would be almost impossible.

How can I get involved?

There are many different ways you can get involved. Ranging from helping chaperone a trip to serving on the BPA board there is a spot for you! Below are some of the ways you can serve.

- ♪ **Serve on the board** Similar to the PTA we have a governing board that meets once every other month to help make decisions and organize events for the band. While most members are parents of 7th/8th grade students we love having 6th grade parents getting involved early!
- ♪ **Be a chaperone** We will take a few trips this year that will require additional help.
- ♪ **Work in the band office** The band hall is a collection of almost 20 rooms! The directors could always use an extra hand with basic paperwork or in the music library.
- ♪ **Football Concessions** The biggest fundraiser we have all year is the football concession stand. We are always looking for families that can help with this major undertaking. This is also a great way to meet other band parents and support Staley!
- ♪ **Hospitality** We will have a concert/dinner in February that we will need help serving, setting up, and cleaning. Other events include the annual SMS Kiss-o-gram and monthly spirit nights at local restruarants.

How do I join?

The membership form is on the back of this page. Families are encouraged to join within the first two weeks of school and get involved as soon as possible! Membership is open to any family and costs \$10 per family.

Thank you in advance for your support of the band!



Staley Middle School Band Parent Association Membership and Volunteer Form



The Band Parent Association or SMSBPA is a group that supports the band through supplying volunteers and supplemental funds. This group provides the band students at Staley opportunities to work with clinicians, lower costs of trips, and support the band staff.

Membership cost is \$10 per family

Student Name _____ Band _____

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Parent Email (please print) _____

Payment information Cash Check # _____ (made payable to SMSBPA)
Please return payment with form in an envelope marked with your students name and SMSBPA

Volunteer Information- please check all that apply!

Please consider how you can possibly help the band program. As one of the largest programs at Staley there are always ways for your family to get involved! Please check any of the following that you are interested in helping with this year.

- Concessions:** Our biggest fundraiser each year- we need volunteers to take a shift and work during the football games.
- Hospitality:** Help our hospitality chair with various events like our concert dinners, providing snacks for some of our longer trips, or helping with food set up/break down
- Special Events:** Assist with extra events like our annual Kiss-o-gram or school dances.
- Concert Recorder:** Record during the concert. We set everything up, but need a parent to press pause between each song. The beginning band concerts will take place in Feb. and May.
- Concert Monitor:** We need 3-4 parents to help us monitor the students during band performances.
- Silent Auction:** We need help calling, setting up, and organizing for our spring silent auction.
- Band Office Worker:** Help the directors with various office tasks like filing, working in the music library, etc.. We will try to set up a regular schedule for 1-2 hours per week.
- BPA Board:** We still have a few openings and are always looking to the future. If you might be interested in serving on the board either this year or next please let us know!

Donations: We are always looking for donations to help keep our operating costs low! The less the boosters have to purchase the higher our profit margins are. The most common places we shop are 1) **Walmart/Sams** for concessions. 2) **Office Depot** for office supplies 3) **Any local music store** to restock band consumables.
You can bring the donations directly and any amount is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!

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SUMMER CAMP 2011!

Dear Future Beginning Band Students and Parents:

Congratulations! Now that you have selected an instrument, you only have one step left to officially be a part of the 2011-2012 Staley Middle School Beginning Band!

On Monday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 9, we will be having a mini-summer band camp. The camp will take place in the SMS Band hall located on the Northwest corner of Staley. While attendance is not mandatory, we strongly encourage all students to attend because we will be covering a lot of important information. We also plan on handing out any instrument that was reserved at the instrument screenings- so any student in attendance will get to have their instruments TWO WEEKS before those who do not come! We hope that by letting you know this far in advance, you can make arrangements to attend.

On Monday, August 8, we will pass out instruments and discuss basic information and care relating to your new 'best friend'. On Tuesday, August 9th we will meet as a large group to discuss the basics of music as well as host a brief meet and greet before a brief Band Parent Association meeting. Both days will take place at SMS in the band hall and the schedule for our camp will be as follows:

Monday, August 8

8:00-10:30am – Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, French Horn

10:30-12:00- Percussion

12:30-3:00 – Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba

Monday you will need to bring

- 1 inch binder, any color
- *Optional Five Tab Dividers*
- Notebook paper (20 sheets is plenty)
- Pencil.
- Any instrument related supplies you have (*if you rent or purchase supplies from the local music store they will be sent home with you today*)

Tuesday, August 9

9:00a-12:00– ALL STUDENTS

12:00-12:30- Meet & Greet, Band Parent Meeting.

Come learn about this vital group and how you can get involved!

Tuesday you will need to bring

- Instrument
- Band Binder
- Pencil
- *You do not need to bring your wire stand or additional music supplies.*

We are looking forward to working with your child in this exciting new endeavor! Have a great summer!

Welcome to the Staley Band screening!!!

1. Check that you have a pen/pencil and your information sheet

- Pencil or pen
- Information Page (sent home in the Thursday folder on 3/24)
 - If you forgot the page you can use the copy on the back of this sheet
 - The screeners will use this page to help you choose an instrument

2. Visit the screeners to try the instruments

- ♪ *You will only need to visit one of each station- not each individual table*
- ♪ *You may visit the stations in any order you choose.*
 - Woodwind
 - Brass
 - Percussion

3. Mark your top three choices

- ♪ *If percussion is your top choice please have a second or third choice as spots are very limited*

4. Check out with a Staley Band Director

- ♪ *Bring your completed information page to the 'check out' station*
- ♪ *You will receive a packet with the following paperwork*
 - 'I came to the screening... now what' page
 - Supply list for next year
 - Band Parent Association paperwork
 - Beginning Band Summer Camp information
- ♪ *You will receive a T-shirt to get a jump on your 'Staley gear' for next year!*

5. Visit with the local music stores for pricing/information

- ♪ *If you know your final instrument choice you can reserve your instrument and supplies today! All materials and instruments ordered today will be available at the beginning of the school year (or delivered to your family on the first day of Beginning Band Camp)*
- ♪ *You are welcome to look at other companies. On the supply page there is a list of nine companies that sell quality instruments and supplies.*

6. Have a great night!

- ♪ *Thank you again for your time and patience! We look forward to getting to know your family and please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions regarding band or next year.*