

The STALEY BAND

Calling all 5th graders— believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about middle school. One of the biggest decisions as you plan will be choosing your elective. Unlike elementary school, your 6th grade elective will meet EVERY day all year long. This can have a lasting impact on your child's middle school years. If you are interested in band, 6th grade is THE BEST time to join us and see what the program is all about. We have some amazing things planned (including 6 concerts, 4 parties, & 3 trips for beginners) and we don't want you to miss out on the fun! This page outlines what you need to know, but for more information visit:

www.staleyband.org/join

Joining Band is EASY! Follow the steps below to make sure you don't miss out on the fun!



Come to the Carnival on SATURDAY 1/27 in the Staley Café. Your child will work 1-on-1 with our team of band directors to see what instrument is the best 'fit' for them. Reserve a spot at the link above. *Note that the percussion class will be chosen (and closed) that day so be sure to reserve a spot if that is your child's main interest. Conflict? See below.*



Individual Appointment Request (optional): If you are not available on Saturday 1/27 the band directors are happy to meet with you another day or time. Let us know when you are free to meet via the link above and we will work out a time.



Mark band as the #1 choice for your elective on the schedule card. This is THE MAIN step when choosing your elective for next year— mark **Band as your top choice and you are in band!!!** You may choose band as your elective even if you have not been placed on an instrument. It is never too late to join band, but some instruments are capped due to the number of instruments we own. If you know you want to be in band be sure to come to our carnival!



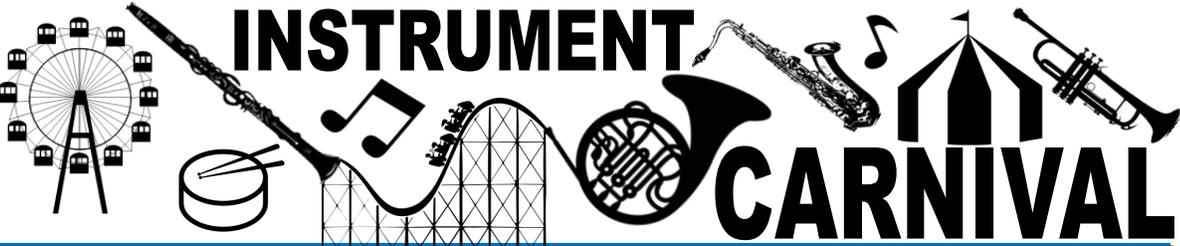
Get the gear! On May 1st, 2018 (@ 6pm) we will have a parent meeting for rising 6th graders. At this meeting parents can reserve an instrument from Music 1st and pay for start of the year costs (supplies, fees, and T-shirt). We will also go over and accept financial aid applications if you are worried about the cost of band. We are committed to making band affordable for all!



After you have 1) signed up for band, 2) met with a director to pick an instrument, and 3) reserved/purchased an instrument and supplies you are **FINISHED!** We will see you at our summer band camp and the start of 2018 school year— it is going to be awesome!

Questions? Visit the website above and click on the 'FAQ' link.

BAND INSTRUMENT CARNIVAL



Staley Cafeteria, Saturday 1/27/2018. www.staleyband.org/join to RSVP

What is the Staley Band Instrument Carnival?

The annual instrument carnival is a time for fifth graders to try the band instruments. When students come to the carnival they will work individually with a team of band directors to find the instrument that is the 'best fit' for you. Our goal is for you to leave knowing what instrument you are playing next year!

I signed up for band– should I come?

If you signed up for band YOU SHOULD ATTEND! All students are placed in a generic 'holding class' until the band directors tell the counselors what instrument you will play. In other words, they cannot finalize your sixth grade schedule until we meet with you. If you cannot make the carnival due to conflicts let us know *as soon as possible* so we can set up an individual appointment for your family.

I didn't sign up for band– can I still come?

YES! Even if you are not sure about marking band as your first choice you can still sign up for an appointment. If you decide that you want to be in band we will then be able to tell the counselors about the scheduled change AND what class to put you in. The switch is very easy and it is never too late to sign up for band!

What Instruments will be at the band carnival? The instruments available to try at the carnival are: *Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, & Percussion*. You can try a few or try them all– it is up to you!

What time is the carnival? How long will I be here?

The Instrument Carnival runs all day, but families should sign up for an individual appointment time through our band website. Time slots are chosen in twenty minute increments, but each student decides how long they will be at the carnival. If you only want to try a couple instruments you will not be here very long– if you want to try them all you will be here longer. *Average time for most students is 40 minutes– 1 hour.*

Why does the percussion class 'close'?

Students interested in percussion *audition* for a place in class. This is due to the limited amount of school inventory and the popularity of the class. If you want to be in the percussion class the carnival is **THE BEST** opportunity to try out as we will have two dedicated percussion directors working with students. If you cannot attend the carnival you should contact us **BEFORE** the event so we know you are interested in percussion. If you wait until after the carnival all spots may be taken.

Do any other instruments 'close'?

Most of our other classes do not close, but similar to percussion, we do have to make sure we have enough school owned instruments (oboe, bassoon, horn, euphonium, & tuba) that everyone chosen to be in the class has something to play on. With eleven total instruments we guarantee we will be able to find an instrument that works for your child. The only way to find out if to come try them!

Does it cost any money to try the instruments?

The carnival is FREE. Students who choose to be in band will not have to pay anything until our May meeting– when we reserve supplies and an instrument for the spring. If you are concerned about costs we have a 501(c)3 non-profit booster club dedicated to making band a possibility for everyone! Visit www.staleyband.org/finaid for more info.