

# SUN VALLEY BEGINNING BAND

The SVMS band is currently recruiting 5<sup>th</sup> graders to join the beginning band program next year. Band is an elective class that meets every day during normal school hours. This class focuses on developing musical technique by learning to read music and play specific band instruments. Playing an instrument takes commitment but is very enjoyable and rewarding. **The 6<sup>th</sup> grade year is the only year in which students are NOT required to have any prior musical knowledge or training to join band.**

I met with your child's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class recently and demonstrated the four instruments used in beginning band: **flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.** Hopefully, your child is excited about wanting to learn to play one of these instruments in a band setting. Due to the large interest in the band program and limited classroom space, the number of students that can be accepted into the beginning band class must be limited to those who are willing to make a firm commitment to the band program by practicing their instrument daily at home and maintaining a serious work ethic in class. There is not enough room for students who "just want to try it out." Band classes are large and student responsibility is high. Therefore, students who cannot focus their attention well, cannot commit to daily practice at home, or have only a casual interest in band should NOT participate.

Before making your decision, please visit **[www.svmsbeginningband.blogspot.com](http://www.svmsbeginningband.blogspot.com)** to find out more information about the topics below:

- How to Register for Band
- Middle School Electives
- Instrument Rental vs. Purchase
- Choosing the Right Instrument
- Band Parenting 101

## **FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR BAND:**

1. Complete the ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM by **FRIDAY, MARCH 15.**  
**[www.svmsbeginningband.blogspot.com](http://www.svmsbeginningband.blogspot.com)**
2. Attend the band registration meeting on **THURSDAY, MARCH 28** in the **SVMS Library.** You may attend the 5:00 or 6:00 PM meeting.
3. RENT or PURCHASE a beginning band instrument

**THE DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

After online registration has ended, students will be assigned an instrument. A roster of 2019-20 beginning band students and their instrument assignments will be posted on the SVMS Beginning Band website on **THURSDAY, MARCH 21.** The registration process is not complete until you attend the **THURSDAY, MARCH 28** meeting where you will officially register your child for band, rent or purchase an instrument, and ask any questions you may have about the band program. **Parents may choose to attend the 5:00 or 6:00 PM meeting.** You should plan to spend 30 minutes. *If you already have your own instrument, please bring it to the meeting.*

Please note that submitting the online interest form does NOT complete your child's enrollment in band. You must attend the parent meeting to complete the registration process. Please contact Mrs. Day with questions at or 704.296.3009 or [natassia.day@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:natassia.day@ucps.k12.nc.us).