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# CALLING ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SD BAND!

### 2017 SDMS Beginning Band Instrument Signup Night

#### WHEN

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Drop in at any time from 4 PM until 8:00 PM

#### WHERE

South Davie Cafeteria

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will not want to miss out on this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Our goal is to set students up for success from the start, and this signup night helps do just that by offering students the opportunity to make sounds on the instruments we start. This helps determine which instrument to place your student to ensure they are able to enjoy playing and to see progress. Instruments are like shoes: one size does not fit all.

Choosing an instrument is a collaborative effort between student, parent, and director! In order to have balanced band instrumentation, some instrument choices are limited. Participation is needed in order to confirm your instrument choice! Band classes are instrument specific, so this process allows us to get students placed into the correct section of beginning band! We must see all students before they are placed in beginning band. If you cannot attend, just contact Mr. McCrary!

We ask that you DO NOT purchase an instrument until students have participated in our instrument sign-up night and/or have spoken with Mr. McCrary.

If your student is not sure about doing band, come on out, ask questions, and give it a try! We are very excited to see you, and look forward to meeting everyone!

Questions?

Contact Mr. McCrary

Be sure to check out our beginning band slide show to see what all we offer at: <http://bit.ly/2nvfPSX>

**Success and FUN! Just two of the many things you will experience if you  
decide to be part of the band!**

## Beginning Band Questions and Myths Solved

### **I don't know how to play an instrument. Should I join?**

*99% of all beginners have never played a wind or percussion instrument in their lifetime. We start from the beginning, and will teach you everything you need to know!*

### **What about after school practice?**

*Middle school band meets during the day so there are few after school requirements; however, students are encouraged to stay after school to practice and to get additional help.*

### **I'm only going into the 6th grade. Am I too young for band?**

*The earlier you start, the easier it is to learn and progress on the instrument. Don't forget: 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the ONLY time that a student will be eligible to join band!*

### **There are many things I want to be a part of in middle school. How can I be in band and all those other activities?**

*Band kids are involved kids. We encourage our students to do a variety of activities. We have many students who are athletes and cheerleaders. Being well rounded and experiencing many different activities is part of the middle school experience. We will work with folks the best we can if conflicts arise.*

### **We don't have the money/band costs too much.**

*Under no circumstances should you let the thoughts of the cost of an instrument turn you or your student away! If money is an issue and students want to do this, we **WILL** find a way to make it work!*

### **I play sports so I can't do band.**

*Sure you can! Middle school band meets during the day and doesn't conflict with after-school athletic practices or games. We also try to schedule events so that there are few conflicts. A large number of current and past students are involved with athletics, cheerleading, and various other organizations, and it is definitely possible to be in the band!*

### **I want to experience other electives in middle school.**

*No worries; you can do that and do band! At South Davie, all band students will have band, PE, and a rotating third elective! Many other places do not have that ability.*

### **What all does the band do?**

*We have traveled to Busch Gardens-Williamsburg, Atlanta, GA, and Dollywood. We take students to Carowinds and have students participating in many honor band opportunities such as All-County Band, All-District Band, Music Performance Assessment (MPA), and jazz band events. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade band night at Davie County High School and perform for two South Davie football games! We also have two to three concerts yearly! Most importantly, we have FUN!*

### **What are my instrument choices?**

*Here at South, we start:*

#### *Flute*



#### *Clarinet*



#### *Trumpet*



#### *Trombone*



*Percussion - Limited spots available! Students must have A's and B's and a record of excellent behavior. Piano experience preferred but not required!*