

WALTHER GRADE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET: 2017-2018



- WHAT:** Private (15 minute) or small group (25-35 minutes) instrumental lessons.
- WHEN:** During the school day at your child's school.
- WHO:** Students in Grades 4-8.
- COST:** Cost per semester for lessons and books/music materials is \$295.00. This does not include the instrument or materials such as reeds or oil. **There are two semesters per school year; 14 lessons per semester. Tuition or beginner class fee is due before lessons begin. Beginners who decide to continue with an instrument must pay for the semester in full when he/she receives the instrument. You will be billed for second semester in December and payment must be received before second semester begins in January. Payment is made through Walther.**
- HOW TO OBTAIN AN INSTRUMENT:** Beginners may obtain an instrument free of charge through the Walther Instrument Bank on a first-come first-served basis for one year. After that, instruments can be rented at an area music store. Luscombe Music will be on hand at the beginner parent meeting to discuss instrumental rental options.
- INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT:** Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba
Percussion (snare drum, bass drum, bells, etc.)
- BEGINNERS:** New students receive a four week beginner class before they choose an instrument. This class consists of trying out the various band instruments and instruction in the basics of rhythm and note reading. The fee for first semester is split -- \$90.00 for the beginner class and then \$205.00 for the remainder of the semester, totaling \$295 for the semester. **STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE BEGINNER CLASS ARE NOT OBLIGATED IN ANY WAY TO CONTINUE WITH INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, AND WILL ONLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE \$90 BEGINNER FEE.**
- RETURNING** Returning students receive lessons in school once per week. Please refer to the attached billing procedure explanation. **Note: If your child is a returning student considering another instrument, he/she may take the beginner class under the same conditions and fee structure as stated above in "BEGINNERS".**
- OTHER INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:** Small ensemble/Concert band rehearsals at your school
Regional Concert Bands
Monday Night Beginner Band once a month
Walther Grade School Monday Night Bands for intermediate and advanced students
Biennial Instrumental Festival at Walther High School
- ATTENDANCE POLICY** Our calendar can be found at www.walther.com
Students are required to attend all scheduled performances and rehearsals. Planned absences must be notified in writing no later than one month in advance of performances and 24 hours in advance of rehearsals. On the third unexcused absence the student will not be allowed to participate in the concert for that semester. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in ineligibility to participate in performances for that group the following semester.
- EXITING THE PROGRAM:** Students may discontinue lessons at the conclusion of each semester. To exit the program, request an EXIT FORM from your instructor. **If you decide to leave in the middle of a semester, you will still be billed the entire fee for that semester.**
- ENROLLMENT:** To enroll your child in lessons, just fill out the attached sheet and return it to your school office.
- QUESTIONS:** For any questions, please contact either Ms. Bernier at bernierja@gmail.com or Ms. Rose at samiam0822@comcast.net.

