

WALTHER GRADE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET: 2018-2019



- WHAT:** Private (15 minute) or in some cases small group (25 minute) instrumental lessons!
- WHEN:** During the school day at your child's school.
- WHO:** Students in Grades 4-8.
- COST:** Cost per semester for lessons, books, and music materials is \$325.00. 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 January and payment must be received by January 31. Payment is made through Walther via check or credit card. Directions follow.**
- 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 this first semester is split -- \$100 for the beginner class and then \$225.00 for the remainder of the semester.) **STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE BEGINNER CLASS ARE NOT OBLIGATED IN ANY WAY TO CONTINUE WITH INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, AND WILL ONLY BE CHARGED THE \$100 BEGINNER FEE.**
- RETURNING** Returning students receive lessons in school once per week and are eligible for all other related group activities. 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".**
- RELATED 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 for the year can be found at www.walther.com
Students are required to attend all performances and rehearsals. Lesson times are worked out between your instructor and your classroom teacher. Lessons will fall on the same day each week, except in special circumstances. Students are required to be in attendance and bring their materials to their scheduled weekly lessons. Make-up lessons occur at the end of each semester. If students are absent or do not have their materials on their lesson day, a make-up lesson cannot be guaranteed. Teacher absences for any reason will be made up at the end of the semester.
- EXITING THE PROGRAM:** Students may discontinue lessons at the conclusion of any semester. To exit the program, request an EXIT FORM from your instructor. **If you decide to leave in the middle of the 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:** Contact Ms. Bernier at julie_bernier@walther.com or Ms. Rose at samantha_rose@walther.com.

