

Creekside
Intermediate
Band

Beginner Band



Virtual Q&A Meeting

Welcome to the Creekside Band Program!

- Band Directors: Ana Tran & Thomas Macias
- Percussion Director: Adrian Aguirre



Creekside Band is a Family

- We want your child to have a place where they really belong. Their second home is the band hall!
- On the first day of school, they're walking into a welcoming environment.
- Parents are joining band too!

What if my child knows nothing about music?

We start teaching music from “scratch”.

No prior musical knowledge is expected or necessary.

What activities do beginners typically do outside of school?

- Holiday Concert
- Spring Concert
- Solo Contest
- Private lessons*

Tentative Social Events

- Main Event
- Band Lock-in
- Tentative socials
- Pool party in May

How do you do sports and band?

- Band directors and coaches work together
- Coaches and band directors want kids to have the freedom to do **BOTH** sports and band.
- We all feel that the kids are too young to choose.

What activities do more advanced students do?

- Pep Rallies
- Perform at an 8th grade football game
- Region Band Auditions
- “Winter Tour” to Elementary Schools
- Concerts for Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Ensemble Concert
- UIL Contest
- Solo Contest

Band gets more exciting the longer you are in it!

Building Success

- The key to success is **PRACTICE**.
20 minutes of practice 6 days a week
- **BRACES** should not affect which instrument your child should play - there will be an adjustment period, it is temporary
- Our goal is not to produce Professional players; instead, we want to produce students who will have a life-long appreciation of music

Band Booster Club

- Parent support is vital
- Want to volunteer and assist the directors? We need you!
- Create lifelong friendships with families
- Help purchase instruments, repairs, and scholarships, and lower cost of events

What instruments do beginners have to choose from?

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium/Baritone
- Tuba

****Percussion - limited class of 7-8

****Oboe & Bassoon - may need 1 of each

How does my child choose an instrument?

- Choose a time for Saturday on the sign-up sheet
- Allow for about 15-30 minutes
- Have an idea of what you'd like to play but also have an open mind to explore
- Let us know about special concerns – dyslexia, health issues, academics, and conduct
- Listen for what comes naturally and feels easy
- The instrument will “choose” your child

What if my child wants to play percussion?

- All prospective percussion students need to come this Thursday for the percussion tryout
- You can sign up at the end of this meeting: there are 2 times to choose from- 4:30 - 5:00 PM or 5:15 - 5:45 PM
- Basic coordination & rhythm routine
- Percussion is over a dozen instruments. Percussionists will spend 50% of their time playing keyboards and %50 on snare.
- Private lessons are required

How do I get the instrument once we've chosen one?

- Rent or purchase from a reputable music store
- Tuba, Euphonium, French Horns are checked out from CIS
- If finances are an obstacle, let us know so that we can help to find a solution
- BRAND of instrument is most important.

What if I already have an instrument?

- If you have an instrument at home, please bring it to the band drive so that the band director can let you know if it will work.
- We also want to make sure it's a fit for your child's physical features

Does my child switch instruments every year?

- **NO.** The point of doing the selection/ fitting is finding the perfect fit for your child.
- We switch only if the child is not developing properly on his/her instrument.

Private Lessons

- We hire the best private instructors we can find
- Lessons happen before school, during band class, and after school
- Private Lessons are highly encouraged
- Required for percussion, oboe, and bassoon

Percussion Audition Friday

- Percussion is the most popular instrument but require the most responsible students
- Students are required to take private lessons
- Students are responsible for thousands of dollars of instruments
- Only 7-8 percussionist are selected

Audition 1 - 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Audition 2 - 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Brass & Woodwind Selections Saturday

- Students will work 1-on-1 with a band director on 2-3 different instruments to see which one will work best
- Sign up for one 20 min time slot between 9am - 2pm
- www.cisband.org

SIGN UP WILL BE ON THE BAND WEBSITE
AFTER THE MEETING

General Questions

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