

# 2018-2019 Asbury 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band



Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians and students,

This letter is to inform you about the Asbury Band Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Please read carefully as there is a lot of important information included!

## Commitment

There is an expectation that students who join band will take the commitment seriously. ***Learning to play an instrument is a process - there is no instant gratification!*** It takes **DAILY** practice, effort and patience. Learning to play an instrument can be one of the most gratifying and exciting skills your child learns as long as they are willing to put forth the effort.

## Schedule

This year, our band will again be meeting twice a week! This is to give students more time to learn their instruments and to work as a group. Rehearsals will be **Tuesday morning from 7:30-8:15 am and Thursday after school from 3:15-4:15 pm. BOTH rehearsals are required** and students are expected to participate in both. Please see below for a visual calendar of dates and times.

## Attendance Policy

**Attendance with instrument and excellent behavior at every rehearsal is a requirement.** As a member of the Asbury Band, students are part of a team and when they do not give 100% it is detrimental to the group as a whole.

## Fee

There is a small, non-refundable fee for participation in band.

- The fee is \$35 for **each** semester if you are using an instrument from Asbury.
- The fee is \$25 for **each** semester for those who will be providing their own instrument.

This fee helps to cover the costs of keeping instruments in working condition as well as purchasing music, reeds, and other accessories for students.

You have the choice to pay for fall semester only or both fall and spring semesters at once. Since this fee is **non-refundable**, please ensure that your child is committed to participating if you decide to pay for both up front.

There are scholarships available through our Enrichment Scholarship Program. Please inquire in the office if needed.



## **Instrument Selection and Rental**

On **Tuesday, September 18th**, we will have instrument rental night in the auditorium. Representatives from Kolacny Music will be available to help students try out instruments and help with the process as students decide which instrument they are interested in learning. Students who wish to participate in band will need to check out an instrument that night either through school or as a rental from Kolacny Music. More detailed information will be coming out as we get closer to that date.

It is my hope that students will be able to learn how to play their first choice instrument. In fact, I will do everything that I can to make sure that happens! However, it is my job to ensure that we have a balance of instruments in each section. **Please rank your student's preference of instrument on the signup form by choosing their top, second and third choices.**

It is possible that some students already own an instrument that they can use in band. This is not a problem as long as it is one of the six choices listed on the signup form. Please simply indicate in the space provided.



## **How Do I Sign Up???**

After reading the information thoroughly, please fill out the attached form and return with your payment to Mrs. Brunnschweiler **no later than Tuesday, September 18th by the end of instrument night**. Those who have not paid by this date will not be assigned an instrument. Checks can be made out to Sara Brunnschweiler. If you are donating to the scholarship fund in addition to your child's fee, please indicate in the space provided and include payment when you turn in the form.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I realize there is a lot of info here and want to be sure to address any confusion as it arises. Thanks so much and I look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Sara Brunnschweiler  
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# 2018 – 2019 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Sign-Up Form

Please fill out the following form and return it to Mrs. Brunnschweiler. Those who do not return this form with payment will not be assigned an instrument.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Room number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have previous instrumental experience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what instruments \_\_\_\_\_

In the spaces provided, please put a 1 next to your first choice, a 2 next to your second choice and a 3 next to your third choice.

Flute \_\_\_\_\_ Clarinet \_\_\_\_\_ Saxophone \_\_\_\_\_ Trumpet \_\_\_\_\_ Trombone \_\_\_\_\_ Percussion \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be renting an instrument from Asbury Elementary and I am including \$35 (\$70 if paying for fall and spring semesters) cash or check with this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will have an instrument from another source and I am including \$25 (\$50 if paying for fall and spring semesters) cash or check with this form.

### Please indicate if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_ In addition to the fee above, I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the scholarship fund. This money will be used to cover costs for students who would not otherwise be able to participate.

**Please make checks payable to Sara Brunnschweiler**

### By signing this form, parents and students agree to the following requirements:

- I have read and agree to the attendance policy
- Coming prepared to rehearsals with instrument and music
- Excellent behavior and effort in all rehearsals
- Consistent practice at home (at least 1 hour a week)
- A positive attitude and desire to learn an instrument

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_