



# Mt. Spokane Elementary Beginning Band 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

During our recent Beginning Band instrument demonstrations your, child saw a demonstration of **FLUTE, CLARINET, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, SAXOPHONE & PERCUSSION**. Your student expressed an interest in the circled instrument. Beginning September 25, we will be starting our 5th and 6th grade Beginning Band. To find out more information, please plan to attend our Beginning Band Orientation Night on **Monday, September 18 at 7:00PM** in the Mt. Spokane High School Theatre. This year we are doing registration via an online portal. I encourage you to register your student prior to the orientation. If plans change you can always let me know. We will have computers available the night of the orientation, but it may be a bit congested. If you have a conflict and are unable to attend, your online registration will secure your child's spot.

**Beginning Band registration:** <https://goo.gl/in6uVp>

Our Elementary Band is a unique program that utilizes professional musicians along with our Middle School and High School band directors in providing a very successful musical experience. Throughout the year beginners will meet in sectionals with a specialist on their instrument to learn basic playing techniques. As the year progresses, the students will meet as a woodwind or brass/percussion section. Finally, they will form into a full band with three concerts (Dec., March, & May). Students are dropped off at Mt. Spokane High School between 7:30am-7:55am two days a week and then they are bussed to their home schools at 8:50am.

At our Beginning Band Orientation Night, we will have area music dealers present to answer questions and rent instruments. Because the demand is great for band instruments in the fall, you may not want to wait. If you were planning to rent an instrument, it would be wise to do so very early in September. Many stores run out of rentals in late September. The stores will also be at the orientation that evening for you to rent instruments.

**Studies show that students involved in school music programs are more likely to excel in academics. This benefits the students, teachers, and you as parents.** We are excited about this year's Beginning Band Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.

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## **Schedule: All Instruments meet at Mt. Spokane High School**

Monday: Trumpet, Trombone and Percussion

Tuesday: Saxophone and Clarinet

Wednesday: Percussion and Flute

Thursday: Trumpet & Trombone

Friday: Clarinet, Saxophone & Flute

## **Spokane Area Instrument Stores:**

Clearwater Music: 892-3809, Amend Music Center: 483-0276, Hoffman Music Co.: 444-4140