



# ***WEST AURORA BANDS***

Parent Information Night

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# ***BAND DIRECTORS***

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# Why Study Music?

- Music allows children to discover their talents
- Music helps children to develop discipline and grit
- Music is a means of self-expression
- Learning a musical instrument has shown to help improve other academic areas
- Music can be enjoyed for a lifetime!



# Rehearsals and Concerts

Students will meet in band class daily during the exploratory period.

Early morning band rehearsals meet once a week at 7:30 a.m. beginning in October.

6th Grade Band members will play in multiple concerts throughout the year.




# Instrument Conferences



Upon completion of this presentation, complete the information form available at [www.129finearts.org](http://www.129finearts.org)

A band director will work with your student's teacher to schedule a conference.

At this conference, your student will be screened for their best instrument matches. A band director will aid students in selecting their top 2-3 choices.





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COME TO YOUR  
CONFERENCE WITH THREE  
INSTRUMENTS IN MIND

# *FLUTE*

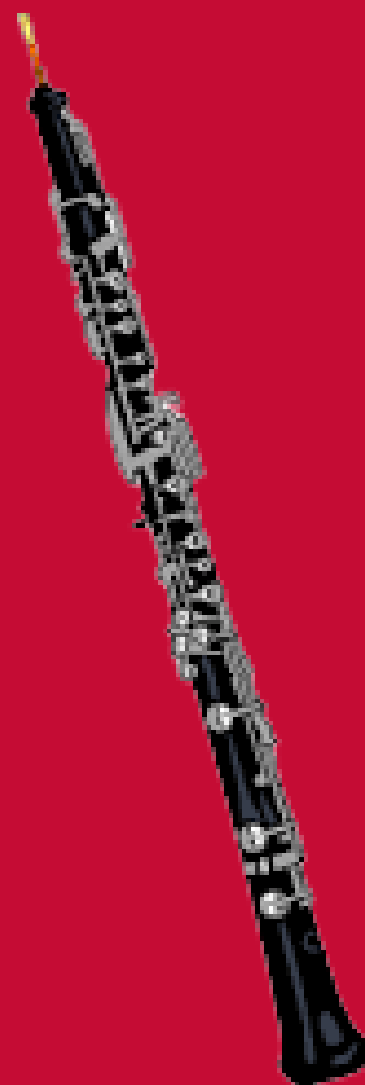


# CLARINET





# OBOE AND BASSOON



# SAXOPHONE



# CORNET





# *HORN*





# TROMBONE



# *BARITONE*





# TUBA



# PERCUSSION







# Obtaining an Instrument

For your convenience, we have scheduled a music vendor to offer an Instrument Reservation Day.

On this day:

- ask questions
- sign instrument rental contract
- purchase supplies

January 22, 2022

9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Jefferson Middle School

1151 Plum St

Aurora, IL 60506



Already have a used instrument?

Bring it to your instrument conference.

# What will it cost?

The Rent-to-Own program costs \$27-\$50 each month after a two month trial period.

Yearly supply costs range from \$10-\$40

Please speak with a band director if you have financial concerns.



# Supplies

- Wire music stand for home practice
- Instrument specific supplies
  - Reeds
  - Oil
  - Grease
  - Sticks, mallets, and bag
  - Neck Strap
  - Swab

# Practice Expectations

- Weekly homework is assigned for students to practice at home.
- 20-30 minutes, 5 days/week
- Students who practice regularly will find they enjoy band more than those who do not.

# NEXT STEPS

1. Complete information form on [www.129finearts.org](http://www.129finearts.org)

2. Students attend an instrument selection conference at their elementary school

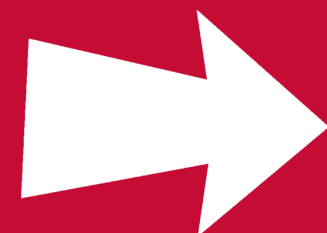
3. Reserve instrument at Reservation Day on January 22

4. Begin band at the start of 6th grade!!

# THANK YOU!



Thank you for taking the time to join us! We are looking forward to working with you as we provide this great opportunity for your student!



Please be sure to fill out the form at [129finearts.org](https://129finearts.org)



# ***PLEASE CONTACT YOUR BAND DIRECTOR WITH ANY QUESTIONS***

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