



Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade

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5th Grade Band Information – 2009

5th Grade Parents:

First I would like to welcome you and your student to the 5th grade. This year will be full of new and exciting classes, activities and adventures. One of these new events is 5th grade band. Band is the music class offered by the Springs Valley Community School Corporation Fine Arts Department for 5th grade students. The students will meet approximately three days a week for combined class instruction in the following areas: beginning instrumental performance, basic music theory, and basic music history. Students will be learning how to perform on various band related instruments that include: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone, tuba, and percussion. All instruction takes place during the school day and students are allowed to use school-owned instruments free of charge for the entire year. Instrument rental fees do not begin until the 6th grade year.

Cost

As mentioned above, there is no cost for 5th grade instrument rental on all brass and woodwind instruments. However, in order to ensure that all students have their own individual mouthpiece, students are required to pay a \$5 mouthpiece rental fee. This fee goes towards purchasing mouthpieces for each student. Students may purchase their own mouthpiece; however, the cost is much greater than the \$5 rental fee. Suggested mouthpieces and prices can be found on the brass/woodwind information sheet. If a student purchases their own mouthpiece, they will not be charged a mouthpiece rental fee. All payments should be made to Springs Valley Band. Payments should be placed in the lock box found in the band room office.

Percussion Cost

Students that select percussion will be charged a full year of instrument rental at \$35. Percussionists will use all available percussion instruments. In addition, percussion students will receive the following items: one pair of snare drum sticks, one pair of keyboard mallets, a drum pad and a drum instruction book. All of these items will become the property of the student. The school receives discount prices for the initial purchase of these percussion items. Any items lost during the year will have to be replaced. Individual replacement prices are listed in the 5th grade percussion information sheet.

Instrument Selection and Availability

Students will be assigned an instrument based on student choice and availability. Throughout the year, as the student progresses, it may become apparent that a different instrument choice would be better for the student. In that event, Mr. Aylsworth will recommend that the student make a change in instrument choice. In addition, all instrument selection will be based on instrument availability at the school. Students can always choose to purchase or rent their own instrument from a music store. However, please notify Mr. Aylsworth if you choose this option.

Important Reminders:

Available Instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone, tuba, and percussion

Cost: Instruments are free, mouthpiece fee (\$5), percussion fee (\$35 - only for students that choose percussion)