

Celina Intermediate School Bands

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Celina, Ohio 45822

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Dear 4th grade parent/guardian:

As an incoming fifth grader, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the Celina City Schools Band Program.

We hope that your student will choose to participate in the band program. To help you make your decision, I have included a brochure about our beginning band program and some frequently asked questions about beginning band.

Instrument fittings will take place the second week in May in your son/daughter's regularly scheduled music class. ***Information regarding instrument rentals will be sent home during the fitting process as well as our beginning band meeting May 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Celina Intermediate School Band Room.***

If your son/daughter is interested in percussion, the meeting is mandatory, there will be a short placement test given during the meeting. Also if they want to participate in percussion they will either need to take piano and or percussion lessons. Our limit for the percussion section is 10-12 Students

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,
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Did You Know?

*High school music students score higher on SATs in both verbal and math than their peers.

In 2001, SAT takers with coursework/experience in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 41 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework/experience in the arts.

Source: Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board, compiled by Music Educators National Conference, 2001.

*Band Members Get Better Math, Science and Language Grades

Studies at the University of Sarasota and East Texas State University both found links between the number of years of band instruction and significantly improved academic achievement as measured by standardized math, science and language tests.

U of S study by Jeffrey Lynn Kluball, 2000; ETSU study by Daryl Erick Trent