

JOIN THE 5TH GRADE VALLEY CENTER BAND!

INSTRUMENT TRY OUTS: Aug. 16th, 17th, 18th. Time assigned by homeroom.

During class time, Senseney Music personnel will come to VCIS and let each 5th grade student try a flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.

PERCUSSION TRY OUTS: Aug. 19th and 20th from 2:26-2:56pm (class time).

ANY student interested in playing percussion (bells and snare drum) MUST participate in these try-outs. Students will be notified via a list posted outside the band room if they've been recommended for the percussion section on Monday, Aug. 23rd.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHTS:

VCIS Band Room (room B1) Aug. 23rd and Aug. 24th from 5:00-7:00pm

Music store representatives will be available to discuss leasing or purchasing options for an instrument at this time. If you already own an instrument, they can evaluate it to see if it's in need of maintenance or repair. All other band needs (Traditions of Excellence band book by Pearson/Nowlin, Count Me In band book by Balmages/Williams, reeds, supplies, etc.) can be purchased at this time as well. We also ask that students sign an agreement form committing them to the 5th grade band for one year. These forms are due back no later than Friday, Sept. 3rd, as this is how we build our initial attendance roster.

You are welcome to purchase/rent an instrument from any of Wichita's local music shops. Please use extreme caution when purchasing an instrument from anyone other than an authorized music store or dealer. This will ensure a quality instrument, as well as maintenance and repair services that will benefit the student and help ensure their overall success. Please refrain from obtaining an instrument until students have had the chance to try them out. This helps them decide where their natural aptitudes lie, as well as gives us a chance to look at instrumentation. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Jan Verboom or Kara Whitaker, Valley Center Instrumental Music Co-Directors. jan.verboom@usd262.net kara.whitaker@usd262.net

Band supplies are: An instrument and its supplies (reeds, cleaning cloths, slide oil, cork grease, etc.), Method Books (Traditions of Excellence Book 1 and Count Me In), pencil, folder, and a hardworking, fun attitude. **We will begin playing in band on August 25th.**

5th and 6th grade band concert dates for the 2021-2022 school year: (required events)

- Nov. 4th at 7:00pm (Report time will be 6:30pm), VCMS Gym
- March 1st at 7:00pm (Report time 6:30pm), VCMS Gym
- May 9th at 8:00pm (Report time 7:30pm), VCHS Gym (District Mass Band Concert)