



6th Grade Band Info!

About the Band!

The Shelburne Band has a long tradition of excellence! About 50% of 6th graders enroll in band. We have the largest band in the Shenandoah Valley and because of this, we are able to have two band directors, Mr. Nesmith and Mrs. Greer-Young. Come see what Band is about at our Spring Concert on April 27th in the Staunton High School auditorium. The 6th grade concert is at 5pm and the 7th/8th grade concert is at 6:30pm. You can also see us perform at Gypsy Hill Park at our annual "Party in the Park" performance on Sunday May 4th.

Check out our Instagram! <https://instagram.com/shelburneband/>

How does someone join band?

Step 1: Guidance will be giving out forms to pick electives for 6th Grade. This form has only two options, Band or Non-Band. Select "Band"!

Step 2: You and your parents will come to the "Instrument Tryout Night" on May 7th at Shelburne Middle School to choose your instrument. See the back of this page for more info on that night!

What instruments can I play?

Students can start 6th grade on flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. In 7th grade, they can audition for other instruments such as bass clarinet, tenor sax, and bari sax.

Where can I get instruments and how much do they cost?

This will be covered in great detail at Band Orientation at Wednesday May 14th at 7pm. Please do not buy or rent an instrument until instructed to do so!

What performance opportunities are available?

Our students love participating in the Fall Concert, Winter Concert, *Party in the Park!* and the Spring Concert. 7th Graders also perform at JMU and 8th graders perform at Kings Dominion!

Does band conflict with sports?

Not typically! Band is a class that you take during the day. Sports happen after school. While we do have some fun after-school music groups like Jazz Band, these are optional. The only required events outside of normal school hours are the Winter and Spring Concerts which are 34% of the students' grade. Please note that we can ensure that SCS doesn't schedule games on our concert days, but we don't have control over travel sports/dance/gymnastics. Missing a concert for an extra-curricular activity outside of SCS would not be counted as an excused absence for our two required concerts, so please let your coach know our concert dates!

We look forward to having you in band class!!!

Please contact Mr. Nesmith with questions!

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Band website: <http://shelburneband.com>



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Instrument Tryout Night!



Who: Anyone interested in taking band!

When: Wednesday May 7th in the SMS Cafeteria.

If your **last name** is A-G come at 6pm, H-N at 6:30, O-T at 7pm, U-Z at 7:30pm. If you can't come at these times, come anytime between 6-8pm or contact us to reschedule for a different day.

What will happen: Band Directors will show you how to play 11 different instruments. You and the director will come to a decision on which instrument you'll be best suited for! Each instrument is thoroughly sterilized with a rubbing alcohol solution in between students.

F.A.Q.

Do we have to know anything about the instruments before the tryout?

Nope! We'll show you everything you need to know!

Why do we need to "audition" for an instrument?

Everyone's teeth, chin, tongues, and lips are shaped differently. Also the muscles in our faces work differently from one another. These differences make students naturally good at some instruments and not others. We want students to play an instrument on which they will be successful. This will lead to more fun and less frustration!

What if we already own a certain instrument?

If the student does well on that instrument in the tryout process and the instrument is in good condition this should work. But if they do poorly on that instrument at the tryout, perhaps selling it and getting something they will be more successful with is a good idea.

How many of each instrument do you take?

We aim for around the following.

Flute - 10	F. Horn - 6
Oboe - 2	Trombone - 11
Clarinet - 28	Euphonium - 4
Alto Sax - 8	Tuba - 4
Trumpet - 20	Percussion - 8
Bassoon - 2	

