

# Want to Play? Join the Band!

As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, your children are busy making new friends, renewing old acquaintances, and preparing for what hopefully will be a successful year!

Playing a musical instrument in the school band teaches above all musicianship - but also fosters responsibility, respect, and teamwork.

The Niagara Falls City School District provides the opportunity for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 to take small group music lessons and have the opportunity to participate in our large instrumental ensemble. Instruction is provided on the following instruments:

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| Flute    | Saxophone | Trombone   |
| Clarinet | Trumpet   | Percussion |

Students who participate in instrumental instruction will have one group lesson each week during school. Students also MAY be selected to participate in large ensemble that will perform during school concerts and events. Selection for large ensemble band is based on ability level, progress, and attendance to lessons. All Band Students must maintain acceptable academic standing in their classrooms in order to stay enrolled in the instrumental program.

Learning to play an instrument is a challenging process which requires practice and patience. Your support of those very first squeaks goes a long way! With some hard work and dedication, learning to play an instrument is extremely rewarding. Please review the rest of the information, fill out the Registration Form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our school's band program for your son/daughter. If you have any questions, please call!

Miss Custode  
Maple x89157 (T/F)  
Niagara Street x26117 (Wam/R)  
Cataract x34186 (M/Wpm)

## Want to play? Here's what happens next!

Completely fill out the attached registration form

Select a first and second choice of an instrument that you would like to learn to play.

Hand in your registration form as soon as possible to your classroom teacher. The deadline is Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>- no forms will be considered after this date. Registration forms will be processed before students are selected for band.

Once you have been notified that you have been selected for band, you will receive a supply list and an instrument rental form.

Percussion students do not need to rent an instrument, but will be required to purchase a pair of drum sticks. Since we do not have enough school instruments to fill every request, some students may need to get an instrument from another source such as a music store or a family member.

The rental contract needs to be returned to Miss Custode in two weeks. After the two-week period, the instrument will be assigned to another student.

I am providing a list of area music stores, where you will be able to purchase items from your supply list as well as possibly rent your own instrument if you are interested. Good Luck! We hope to see you in band!

Alder Creek Music  
2880 Niagara Falls Blvd  
NT, NY  
693-5456

Lewiston Music  
105 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lewiston, NY  
754-0120

Matt's Music  
937 Oliver St  
NT, NY  
683-7717