

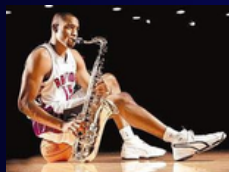
AN EDUCATION IN MUSIC IS AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE!

Learning how to play a musical instrument helps students develop skills useful for all secondary education. Well organized, sustained music study gives a student intellectual and creative advantages that will last a lifetime!



FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO WERE IN BAND

- Gwen Stefani (Singer)- Flute
- Terry Crews (Actor)- Flute
- Jennifer Lawrence (Actress)- Oboe
- Rainn Wilson (Actor)- Bassoon
- Julia Roberts (Actress)- Clarinet
- Steven Spielberg (Director)- Clarinet
- Jason Kelce (NFL)- Saxophone
- Vince Carter (NBA)- Saxophone
- Samuel L. Jackson (Actor)- Trumpet
- Shania Twain (Singer)- Trumpet
- Ewan McGregor- (Actor)- French Horn
- Ariana Grande (Singer/Actress)- French Horn
- Nelly Furtado (Singer)- Trombone
- Tony Stewart (NASCAR)- Trombone
- Neil Armstrong (Astronaut)- Euphonium
- Aretha Franklin (Singer)- Tuba
- Walter Payton (NFL)- Percussion



Tuba



Percussion



Scan the QR below to learn more about each instrument!



Flute



Oboe



Bassoon



Clarinet



Saxophone



Trumpet



French Horn



Trombone



Euphonium



INSTRUMENT FITTING INFO

Date: Monday, February 17, 2025

Location: Smithfield MS Cafeteria



- Scan the QR to sign-up!
 - There will be additional opportunities to test for instruments after this date!

Who is it for?

- Anyone who knows they want to do band next year.
- Anyone who thinks they want to do band next year.
- Anyone who is curious about band and wants to learn more.

SMITHFIELD MS BAND



Character Musicianship Family



COME BE A PART OF THE RAIDER BAND!

THE AWARD WINNING SMITHFIELD RAIDER BAND

The SMS Band program has a history of success:

- Consistent Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading
- Placement in the All-BISD and All-Region Honor Bands
- Beach Within Reach Band Festival- Champions
- National Wind Band Honors- Mark of Excellence
- National Wind Band Honors- Citation of Excellence
- Advancement to Area level of State Honor Band Contest
- 2025 National Concert Band Festival- Invited Ensemble



TRIPS/FUN!

We love to have fun in band at SMS! Throughout the year we take trips and host fun social events for band students. Some of these include trips to Alley Cats, Epic Waters, NRH2O, Texas Rangers games and ice skating. We also host Movie Nights, Game Nights, and a Band Picnic/BBQ to end each school year!



WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA



www.smithfieldmsband.com



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Smithfield Middle School Band

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to know anything about music to join Band?

NO! Everything you need to know to play an instrument will be taught in your band class. Any training in music you may have will be very helpful but not necessary.

What instrument should I play?

It is most important that you play something that you enjoy. At our instrument tryout day, we will help guide you based on your musical interests, physical attributes, and instrument availability. You may know what you want to play, but together we will find the instrument that you will not only enjoy but will give you the best chance of musical success.

Can I play sports/participate in clubs and do band?

Absolutely! In fact, over 95% of SMS band students participate in a sport or club outside of band and manage to find time to practice and be successful in both activities.

Can I join band after 6th grade?

Sixth grade is the best time for you to join band. Our program and school schedule are geared towards students starting band in the 6th grade. Starting in the 6th grade gives you the most amount of time on your instrument through middle and high school band.

Does it cost money to be in band?

Some of the more expensive instruments are owned by the school district and can be rented for a nominal fee. Other instruments can be rented through a local music store. We don't believe money should get in the way of a student who wants to be in band, we will work with your budget.



COLLEGE VISITS

One of the goals of the SMS band program is to take students to visit college campuses for musical and educational experiences.

Some of our recent college visits/performance include:

- Murchison Performing Arts Center (University of North Texas)
- Moores Opera House (University of Houston)
- Round Top Festival Institute (Texas A & M University)
- Eisemann Center (Southern Methodist University)



PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT MAKES YOU SMARTER!

In an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data on more than 25,000 secondary school students, researchers found that students who report consistent high levels of involvement in instrumental music over the middle and high school years show "significantly higher levels of mathematics proficiency by grade 12." This observation holds true regardless of students' socio-economic status, and differences in those who are involved with instrumental music vs. those who are not is more significant over time.

- Students involved in music score an average 107 points higher on the SAT
- 70% of admissions officers of the nation's major universities say high school credit and achievement in the arts are significant considerations for admission

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