

MACKINTOSH ACADEMY

2016-17 Band Classes for grades 3-8

Dear Parent/Student,

We would like to call your attention to the instrumental music program that will be offered at Mackintosh again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for talent to come to life which otherwise might never be discovered. More important is the fact that music provides young people a means of purposeful recreation that can be a lifelong value.

Band classes are being taught by Denny and Gaylene Sullivan. Denny and Gaylene are retired music teachers from Jefferson County Schools. Both have been teaching band and orchestra for over 30 years in many schools in Jefferson County. Denny is a string and brass specialist and Gaylene is a woodwind specialist. Both are involved in every class, so your student gets the advantage of 2 teachers and lots of individual help.

Classes will be offered for traditional band instruments: clarinet, flute, sax, trumpet, french horn, euphonium, trombone, tuba.

Classes are offered to grades 3-8 and are 45 minutes long and are held on Thursdays after school. There will be a class for beginning band (3:30-4:15) and a class for advanced band (4:15-5:00). Advanced band requires one full year of previous band classes.

Our first class will be September 8th.

There are 3 sessions per school year, each session is 10-12 weeks long. The fee for each session varies depending on number of classes, but comes out to \$17.50 per class. Part of this fee is for rental of the room at the school and insurance we have to have in order to offer these classes.

If you have ever wanted to have your student learn to play a musical instrument, here is your chance.

Online registration is currently open here: <https://mackintoshacademy.configio.com/ShoppingCart.aspx>

We will have a **“Try a Music Instrument Session”** on:
Thursday, September 1st, 3:30-4:30pm at Mackintosh Academy in the Great Hall

At this session, we will help you and your student pick an instrument to play. They can try many instruments and we will be there to help them make a good choice. Parents must accompany students.

Music and Arts music store will provide the instruments for them to try out and will also be there for you to rent an instrument right then and purchase the band book that we use in class. You can also go to any music store that rents instruments for band. Many parents already have an instrument they want their student to play or want to purchase a good used instrument.

Classes will begin just one week after this exciting meeting.

If you would like to attend “Try a Music Instrument Session” before registering for the band class, please send the following information to slvndenn@gmail.com:

Student Name

Parent Name, phone # and email

Will you attend the **“Try a Music Instrument Session”** Thursday, September 1st from 3:30-4:30?