

**Mackintosh Academy**  
**Band and Orchestra Classes - 2017-18**

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 and Orchestra 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 two teachers and a lot of individual help.

Classes will be offered for traditional band and orchestra instruments: clarinet, flute, sax, trumpet, french horn, euphonium, trombone, tuba, concert percussion, violin, viola, cello and string bass.

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

**Our first class will be September 11th.**

There are 3 sessions per school year, each session is 8-10 weeks long (\$136-\$170 per session). 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. That is only \$17.00 per session.

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

Watch for online registration information coming from Mackintosh in August, but in the meantime take note of this...

We will have a **“Try a Music Instrument Session”** on:  
**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm at Mackintosh Academy**

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 or orchestra book that we use in class. You can also go to any music store that rents instruments for band and orchestra. Many parents already have an instrument they want their student to play or want to purchase a good used instrument.

Classes will begin soon after this exciting meeting.

If you would like to attend “Try a Music Instrument Session” prior to or after registering for the class, please send the following information to [sllvndenn@gmail.com](mailto:sllvndenn@gmail.com):

- Student Name and Grade
- Parent Name, Phone # and Email

Please feel free to email us if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Denny and Gaylene Sullivan