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## *Festus R-6 Bands*

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### **BEGINNING BAND INFORMATION**

In the Festus R-6 Schools, beginning band instruction occurs only in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Festus Intermediate School. Students may take the opportunity to begin learning music on a variety of band instruments. Band class promotes positive growth by learning music, music theory and history, abstract and spatial concepts, multicultural ideas, performance skills, cooperation, responsibility, promoting self-worth, and gaining aesthetic insight. Following is information for the parents of beginning band students, including lists of instruments taught, instruction books used, and upcoming instrument rental night.

***DO NOT BUY AN INSTRUMENT BEFORE THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND CHECKED OUT ON THE INSTRUMENT BY THE BAND DIRECTORS. THIS WILL BE DONE DURING BAND CLASS THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL.***

#### **BEGINNING BAND INSTRUMENTS:**

##### **WOODWINDS:**

Flute  
Oboe  
**Clarinet\***  
Alto Saxophone  
Tenor Saxophone

##### **BRASS:**

**Trumpet\***  
French Horn  
**Trombone\***  
Baritone  
Tuba

##### **PERCUSSION:**

Xylophone & Drum Pad  
(must provide & learn both)

\* denote the core band instruments, all others started on an as-needed basis determined by the band director.

#### **REQUIRED BEGINNING BAND METHOD BOOK:**

**Tradition of Excellence** (will be available at the band rental night)

#### **BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL INFORMATION NIGHT:**

The Festus R-6 Schools will host a Band Instrument Rental Night at the Intermediate School Gym on **WEDNESDAY, SEP. 6, between 5:00 & 7:00**. There will be two band instrument music stores available to purchase or rent instruments from that evening. Both music stores have serviced the Festus Schools for many years, and have representatives pick up and deliver to the school on a weekly basis. There are other stores in the area, but please be sure they deal in school band instruments. The two companies represented will be:

Nottleman Music Co.  
1590 Lemay Ferry Rd.  
St. Louis MO 63125  
314-631-1486  
or  
714 Jeffco Blvd  
Arnold MO 63010  
636-296-3780

Shivelbine's Music  
535 Broadway  
Cape Girardeau MO 63701  
573-334-5216  
800-455-5216

If you already have an instrument, please be sure that it is in good playing condition. An instrument that is not working properly can be frustrating to students, teachers, parents and listeners. Please have your instrument checked out by a qualified music instrument technician, or at least looked at by the band directors.

If you have any questions concerning beginning band, do not hesitate to email Mr. Lorenz ([LorenzDevin@festusedu.com](mailto:LorenzDevin@festusedu.com)) or Mrs. Sekelsky ([SekelskyStephanie@festusedu.com](mailto:SekelskyStephanie@festusedu.com))

# BEGINNING BAND NIGHT!!

Wednesday, September 6  
Festus Intermediate Gym

**This is the time to rent (*rent-to-own*) or purchase  
a new or used instrument.  
And/or pick up a beginning band book.  
Or ask questions of Mr. Lorenz**

**Anytime between 5:00 & 7:00 pm  
(open house format)**

## ***PARTICIPATING INSTRUMENT COMPANIES:***

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