**2021-2022 Union Band**

The Union Band is open for **4th-8th grade students**. All students need to have the required supplies for their instrument on page 2. If you are joining for the first time, pages 3 and 4 provide instrument rental information. There are no auditions to join the band.

**Dates and Time:** Rehearsals for the Union Band will start **Tuesday September 7th**, after school from **2:30pm-3:15pm**. Every Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session, there will be rehearsal after school from 2:30pm-3:15pm, unless I notify you by email or on Class Dojo. Rehearsal time is split between individual and group practice. **Students will need to have a ride home after each practice. Please pick up students by the main entrance.**

Students will be required to bring their instrument and Essential Elements 2000 book to each rehearsal in order to participate. Instruments can be brought to the music room the morning of each rehearsal, but will need to be brought home after each rehearsal.

**Concerts:** All students in the Union band will perform together for the Winter and Spring Concerts.

All students joining the Union Band, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and return to Miss Petrauskas as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Union Band, please contact me at [cpetrauskas@union81.com](mailto:cpetrauskas@union81.com) or Class Dojo

**Miss Courtney Petrauskas**

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My child is interested in joining the Union Band for the 2019-2020 school year. We understand that they will need to have their instrument and technique book at the first rehearsal on Tuesday September 7th. I understand that arrangements will need to be made for a ride home after each Tuesday and Thursday rehearsal.

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Union Band Supplies

**Required for all students:**

1. Essential Elements for Band (Book 1) by Hal Leonard. **Violin students will need Essential Elements for Strings (Book 1).** The price is around $10. The book will be for the instrument your child will play. Both music stores will have will have this method book available. It will be used throughout the year and will be helpful during your child’s practice at home.
2. Students should also have a foldable stand for at-home practice. Stands are provided at rehearsal. These are also available at the music stores.

**Listed below are additional supplies your child should have with their chosen instrument.**

**Violin:** A shoulder rest, rosin block, and cleaning cloth (a small clean towel will also work)

**Flute:** a cleaning rod and a thin absorbent cloth to clean the inside of the flute.

**Clarinet:** Silk or cotton clarinet swab, cork grease, box of Rico Royal or Juno clarinet reeds (strength #2.5)

**Alto Saxophone:** Silk alto saxophone swab, cork grease, box of Rico Royal or Juno alto saxophone reeds (strength #2.5)

**Trumpet:** Valve oil, trumpet flexible (snake) brush

**Trombone:** Small spray water bottle, and slide grease or 3-in-1 oil

**Baritione:** Valve oil

**Percussion:** students should purchase a percussion kit that includes a snare pad, bell kit, and stand, Vic Firth SD1 snare drum sticks

**Instrument Rental:**

For renting an instrument, please visit Brandolino’s Encore Music in Shorewood or Quinlan and Fabish Music Company in Burr Ridge. They both offer a rent to own option, which means after paying for a certain period, the instrument will be owned by you. You may also return the instrument at any time if your child chooses not to continue in the band. Both stores offer a low-cost maintenance and replacement agreement. I recommend that your student has this with their chosen instrument, because if at any time the instrument is damaged, the instrument will be covered for repairs. A flyer for Brandolino’s is attached to the back of the packet. You can visit <https://www.qandf.com/store/instruments/band-rentals/> to look at pricing of Quinlan and Fabish instruments.

**I understand there is much to consider when joining band, therefore beginning students do not have to start band on Sept. 7th, but the sooner they can join, the more they will be able to progress.**

**School Instruments:**

There is 1 flute, 1 trumpet, and 1 clarinet that may be loaned out through the school. I will loan it on a first-come basis. Before being allowed to take home the chosen instrument, students and guardians will need to sign a rental agreement from me. The instrument would be loaned from September-May. The instrument must be returned at the end of the school year. Loaning from the school, the student would also be responsible for any damage that occurs, the same as renting from a store. Only the instrument and mouthpiece would be loaned. **Students using school instruments still need to purchase their own supplies, including lesson book**.