



Seneca Middle School Band

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Dear 5th Grade Parents:

You and your child will soon begin the scheduling process for next year! This letter is intended to provide information as your child considers joining 6th Grade Band – a decision that will enhance your child’s overall education. 6th Grade Band is a great way to be artistic and become involved in a school activity with friends!

As your child begins middle school it is important to make sure that they receive a well-rounded education. Although it may sometimes seem that the goal of school is to test for the memorization of facts, we know that school is to help your child grow into an inquisitive young adult with critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Without instrumental music education as part of their day, your child will be missing out on some uniquely important life lessons and tools music education provides. As your child progresses in the Seneca Middle School Band Program, you will be hard-pressed to find an activity that offers a more rewarding return than your child’s musical involvement.

Instrumental music at Seneca Middle School offers your child many benefits:

- **Puts the “Arts” in STEM to create STEAM – giving students added educational advantages**
- **Builds Self-Confidence & Increases Sense of Accomplishment**
- **Improves Communication Skills**
- **Cultivates Creativity & Develops Coordination**
- **Fosters Responsibility & Self-Discipline**
- **Develops Social Skills & Ability to Work with Others**
- **Creates a Lifelong Appreciation for Music and the Arts**

Another aspect to consider when your child is scheduling for 6th grade, is music education’s positive impact on your child’s development, especially in the critical years of middle school. Band is a nurturing environment in which their creative mind can flourish. Various studies have concluded that musically trained students achieve higher GPA’s and perform better on standardized tests (like the SAT) than their non-music peers. Signing up for band in 6th grade is the first step to a lifelong appreciation of the arts and personal fulfillment which is unmatched in any other subject.

Your child deserves the best, most well-rounded education that this school district can offer! When your child signs up for band, they are choosing to participate in one of the most consistently successful organizations in Chippewa Valley Schools. Band begins in 6th grade, but music knowledge lasts a lifetime!