



MONTGOMERY C. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



What Is Band?

The Band program is a chance for students to learn brass, wind and percussion instruments. Students receive weekly lessons, attend band rehearsals, and perform in a variety of events throughout the year. Participating in the band program is a **commitment** made with the student and parent. **Students are asked to practice each night in order to improve on their instruments. Band members should remain on their chosen instrument in order to progress. Please remind your child that this is a commitment for the ENTIRE year. Switches may not be granted.**

When Do We Meet?

Each band student meets for a 37 minute lesson once a week. Lessons are held during the school day and rotate each week. Full band for grade 5 will meet every other day. Full band for grade 4 will meet once a week. **Students are required to make up missed work when they attend a lesson or reschedule a lesson if they are unable to attend.**

What Instruments are Available?

The instruments you can choose from are:

Clarinet



Saxophone



Flute



Trumpet



Trombone



Percussion



Baritone



French Horn



How Do I Get An Instrument?

Many families rent instruments through a music store. This guarantees their child the opportunity to be in band. Only a limited number of school instruments will be available this year. There will most likely be a waiting list for school instruments.

* **John Keal Music-** (518)- 482-4405, 819 Livingston Ave Ext. Albany, New York

If you place an order through John Keal Music it can be delivered directly to the school.

What Other Materials Will I need?

1. A Folder or 3 ring binder to put their music in.
2. A Lesson Book (Accent on Achievement) for their instrument, usually costs around \$10-\$12.
3. A supply of pencils, highlighter
4. Supplies appropriate for their instrument.

Clarinet, Saxophone: Folder, Pencil, Book, Reeds (Appr. 4 to keep in case size 2 1/2), (Cleaning Kit) Cork grease

Trumpet: Folder, Pencil, Book, Valve Oil, (Cleaning Kit)

Flute: Folder, Pencil, Book, (Cleaning kit)

Trombone: Folder, Pencil, Book, Slide Oil, (Cleaning Kit)

French Horn: Folder, Pencil, Book, Key Oil, (Cleaning Kit)

Baritone: Folder, Pencil, Book, Valve Oil, (Cleaning Kit)

Percussionists will need to buy their own sticks (size 5A). John Keal Music has a Bell Kit rental that includes a pad, sticks and a bell set.

2023-2024 Beginning Band Request Form

Please return to Mrs. Phillips

Dear Families,

Thank you for showing interest in our band program at Montgomery C. Smith School. Please read all the information on the first page of this packet to learn more about our program. To request to participate in our program, please fill out the band request form with your child. An email will be sent to the parent's email address below, as well as the student's email address, letting them know what instrument has been selected for them. Please wait to hear from me before renting an instrument. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at phillipsl@hudsoncsd.org

Sincerely,
Leah Phillips



Student's Name: _____ Current Teacher _____

Parents Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail Address (PARENT):

(INSTRUMENT SELECTION WILL BE EMAILED TO THE PARENT AND CHILD OVER THE SUMMER)

Please choose your three favorite Instruments: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Have you played any instruments before? If so, which _____

Do you already own an instrument? If so, which _____

Please only check one:

_____ I plan on renting an instrument through a local music store or have my own to use.

- Please do not rent an instrument until you have received confirmation from Mrs. Phillips as to which instrument you will be playing.

_____ **School instruments are limited and can not be guaranteed next year. Please only select if renting is not an option for your family. Students will be placed on a waitlist if there is not an available instrument to use through the school. Choices may not be granted if using a school instrument.**

**Please return this form to Mrs. Phillips
You may return this form at school or mail it to:**

Leah Phillips
102 Harry Howard Ave
Hudson New York, 12534

Parent Signature _____