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Rensselaer Central Middle School  
Band Program

## Interested in joining band?

Step 1. Read through this information packet.

Step 2. Click here to fill out interest form.

Step 3. Click on instrument tutorial link in the Google Form.

Step 4. Fill out and submit Google Form. This will ensure band is on your schedule. It can be changed later if you change your mind.

Step 5. Email [amber.hall@rcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:amber.hall@rcsc.k12.in.us) if you have any questions.

Step 6. Check out [rensselaerbands.weebly.com](http://rensselaerbands.weebly.com) for info about all the great things happening in the RCSC band program.





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## **\*Recruitment Nights\***

We typically have a large instrument display night in April with representatives from Paige's Music Store to help assist with instrument tryouts and rentals.

That will likely happen now in late summer or the fall.

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The display night contains all of the information you need to know about rentals, repairs and financing options.

MORE INFO TO COME  
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND THE BAND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES



## Celebrities That Were in Their Schools' Bands

### Flute

Alanis Morissette (*singer*), Halle Berry (*actress*) Celine Dion (*singer*) Calista Flockhart (*actress*) Alyssa Milano (*actress*) Noah Webster (*Webster's Dictionary*) Gwen Stefani (*singer from No Doubt*) Jennifer Garner (*actress from "Alias"*)

### Clarinet

Rainn Wilson (*"The Office"*) Julia Roberts (*actress*) Woody Allen (*director*) Gloria Estefan (*singer*) Tony Shaloub (*"Monk"*) Eva Longoria (*"Desperate Housewives"*) Jimmy Kimmel (*comedian/talk show host*) Allan Greenspan (*former Chairman of the Federal Reserve*) Steven Spielberg (*movie director*)

### Bass Clarinet

Zakk Wylde (*Guitarist for Ozzy Osbourne*)

### Saxophone

Jennifer Garner (*"Alias"*) Bill Clinton (*former U.S. President*) Trent Reznor (*lead singer for Nine Inch Nails*) Roy Williams (*NFL Dallas Cowboys*) Vince Carter (*NBA Star*) David Robinson (*Retired NBA Star*) Tedi Bruschi (*NFL New England Patriots*) Bob Hope (*late comedian/actor*) Lionel Richie (*singer, father of Nicole Richie*) Tom Selleck (*actor from "Magnum PI"*)

### Percussion

Mike Anderson (*NFL*) Eddie George (*retired NFL*) Trent Reznor (*Nine Inch Nails*) Dana Carvey (*actor/comedian*) Vinnie Paul (*Pantera*) Walter Payton (*NFL Hall of Fame running back*) Johnny Carson (*TV Host*) Mike Piazza (*former MLB catcher*)

### Trumpet

James Woods (*actor*) John Glenn (*Astronaut and U.S. Senator*) Michael Anthony (*Bass player for Van Halen*) Drew Carey (*actor/comedian*) Stephen Tyler (*lead singer for Aerosmith*) Prince Charles (*future King of England*) Montel Williams (*talk show host*) Richard Gere (*actor*) Shania Twain (*singer*) Flea (*Red Hot Chili Peppers*) Jackie Gleason (*actor*) Samuel L. Jackson (*Mace Windu from Star Wars I, II, III*)

### French Horn

Ewan McGregor (*Obi Wan Kanobi from Star Wars I, II, III*) Vanessa Williams (*Singer/Actress*) Otto Graham (*NFL Hall of Fame quarterback*)

### Trombone

Bill Engvall (*Blue Collar Comedy Tour*) Nelly Furtado (*singer*) Tony Stewart (*NASCAR Driver*)

### Baritone

Neil Armstrong (*Astronaut - first man on the moon*)

### Tuba

Andy Griffith (*actor*) Harry Smith (*CBS's "The Early Show"*) Dan Aykroyd (*actor*) Aretha Franklin (*"Queen of Soul"*)



# Attention Parents

# Your Child is Invited to participate in Band

## 10 Reasons Why Your Child Should Be In Band

### 10.) They Learn How to Play and Read Music

*It seems obvious, but lots of people wish they had learned a musical instrument or atleast how to read musical notation.*

### 9.) They Learn Motor Skills and Coordination

*Your child will learn how to better use their fine and gross motor skills and use them in conjunction to be more coordinated.*

### 8.) They Learn How to Work Hard and Persevere

*Your child will learn how to push past difficult scenarios in order to reach a goal.*

### 7.) They Learn How to Be Humble

*Your Child will learn how to work hard for what they have and be humble.*

### 6.) They Become Part of Something Bigger

*Band is all about the greater good, and your child will learn how to strive for goals as a member of a team.*

### 5.) They Develop Self Esteem

*Your Child will learn how to appreciate what they have achieved through goal setting and teamwork.*

### 4.) They Become a Doer

*Your Child will learn how to be self motivated and their own task masters.*

### 3.) Their Brain Will Grow

*Studies have shown that performance in Music increases brain activities and creates new neurological connections.*

### 2.) They Learn the Value of Community

*Your child will learn the value of teamwork and how it helps them achieve their goals.*

### 1.) They Learn to Appreciate Music

*The pillar of music performance is that your child will learn how to value an artform that finds its way into our everyday life.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What about academic instruction?

*Band classes do not take away from classroom instructional time. Those students enrolled in band miss no academic classes. Did you also know that the study of music makes you smarter? Students with experience in music performance scored high on the SAT's: 51 points higher on the verbal test and 39 points higher on the math test.*

### My son/daughter is a good athlete. Will this be a problem?

*Concert band and sports do not conflict at the sixth grade level. Even in the upper grades, remember that concert bands meet during the school day. Outside of the occasional conflict of a game and a concert on the same night, this is usually not a problem. In fact, sports and music compliment each other in many ways, including the development of responsibility, self-discipline, commitment, self-confidence, self-esteem, leadership skills and the importance of practice to achieve success.*

### Do we need to take private lessons to be in band?

*Your band director will provide all necessary instruction for beginning band. However, private lessons are a great way to help make the most of your abilities.*