



Wellsville School District USD 289
7/27/23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well and are enjoying the summer break! As the new school year approaches, we are excited to announce an upcoming event that will get your musician ready for the school year. We are pleased to invite you and your child to our first annual "Instrument Night," an event where students can explore and obtain the instruments they need for their musical journey.

Date: August 15th

Time: 6pm

Location: Wellsville High Band Room

Instrument Night is a fantastic opportunity for both returning students and beginners in 5th through 12th grade to acquire the instruments they require for band. Beginning band students will have the opportunity to play all the instruments to determine which they would like to learn! The instruments we have for beginners are:

Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, and Percussion

Instruments we have for 7th-8th and high school band are those listed above plus:

Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bari Saxophone, Baritone, Euphonium, and Tuba

This event will take place at our school, and we have collaborated with Manning Music of Topeka to provide three options for obtaining instruments:

1. ****Instrument Rental from the School:**** Students have the option to rent an instrument directly from the school. If this option is chosen there is a \$25 per semester rental fee which covers cleaning and adjustments from normal wear and tear at the end of the year.
2. ****Rent-to-Own Program through Manning Music:**** Manning Music offers a flexible and convenient rent-to-own program that allows students to gradually own their chosen instrument over time. This is an excellent option for those looking to own their very own instrument at an affordable price.
3. ****Instrument Purchase through Manning Music:**** For families considering a direct purchase, Manning Music will also be present at the event, showcasing a variety of instruments for sale.

If you would like to buy an instrument from somewhere else, please be wary of sites like Amazon, EBay, Costco, or other big box stores. Unless a band instrument is of a quality brand,

they will not last and will need constant expensive repairs. Many cheaply made instruments are listed as “director approved”... they are not! Shop wisely and feel free to ask what a quality brand of instruments you should get! Manning Music will have all the quality brands available.

Additionally, Instrument Night will feature a display of various instrument needs, such as reeds, cork grease, cleaning kits, and other essential accessories. These items are crucial for maintaining and caring for the instruments, ensuring they remain in optimal condition.

Manning Music will also be selling the “Standard of Excellence” Method book which is a required text for 5th grade and middle school beginning bands.

Our music teachers and representatives from Manning Music will be available throughout the event to provide guidance, answer questions, and assist with instrument selection based on your child's interests and musical aspirations.

We firmly believe that music education is a valuable part of a well-rounded education, and learning to play an instrument can instill discipline, creativity, and a lifelong love for the arts in our students. We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity and explore the possibilities of musical expression for your student.

Below we have listed the suggested items for each grade and instrument. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Dominguez (MS & HS) or Mr. Deane (ES).

We are looking forward to seeing you at Instrument Night and are eager to support your child's musical journey. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love for music in our school community.

All the best,

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5th Grade Beginning Band

Everyone needs:

- An instrument! (percussion see below)
- “Standard of Excellence” Method book #1

Flute: Cleaning kit	Clarinet: Cleaning kit Strength 2 reeds Cork grease	Trumpet: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil	Trombone: Cleaning Kit Slide Oil	Percussion: Stick Bag kit that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Pad • Drum sticks • Yarn Mallets • Rubber mallets
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Middle School Beginning Band

Everyone needs:

- An instrument! (percussion see below)
- “Standard of Excellence” Method book #1
- A composition notebook

Flute: Cleaning kit	Clarinet: Cleaning kit Strength 2 or 2.5 reeds Cork grease	Alto/ Tenor/ Bari Sax: Cleaning kit Strength 2 or 2.5 reeds Cork grease	Trumpet: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil
Trombone: Cleaning Kit	Baritone/ Euphonium/ Tuba:	Percussion: Stick Bag kit that	

Slide Oil	Cleaning Kit Valve Oil	includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practice Pad ● Drum sticks ● Yarn Mallets ● Rubber mallets ● Timpani Mallets 	
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7th-8th Middle School Band

Everyone needs:

- An instrument! (percussion see below)
- “Standard of Excellence” Method book #2
- A composition notebook

Flute: Cleaning kit	Clarinet: Cleaning kit Strength 2, 2.5, or 3 reeds Cork grease	Alto/ Tenor/ Bari Sax: Cleaning kit Strength 2, 2.5, or 3 reeds Cork grease	Trumpet: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil
Trombone: Cleaning Kit Slide Oil	Baritone/ Euphonium/ Tuba: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil	Percussion: Stick Bag kit that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Practice Pad ● Drum sticks ● Yarn Mallets ● Rubber mallets ● Timpani Mallets 	

High School Band

Everyone needs:

- An instrument! (percussion see below)

- A composition notebook
- Flip folder (School may have enough)
- Earplugs (optional for hearing health)

Flute: Cleaning kit	Clarinet: Cleaning kit Strength 2.5 or 3 reeds Cork grease	Alto/ Tenor/ Bari Sax: Cleaning kit Strength 2.5 or 3 reeds Cork grease	Trumpet: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil
Trombone: Cleaning Kit Slide Oil	Baritone/ Euphonium/ Tuba: Cleaning Kit Valve Oil	Percussion: Stick Bag kit that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Pad • Drum sticks • Yarn Mallets • Rubber mallets • Timpani Mallets 	