

# Pre-Band Class

Beloit Elementary School

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Dear 5th Grade Students and Parents,

It is now time to begin a new pre-band class in Beloit! The instrumental program is a great source of pride for Beloit and must be treated with care in order to continue it's fine tradition.

We will learn to play the recorder, establish discipline, and establish good practice habits during pre-band class. We will have recorder class each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 2:40 PM through **October 9, 2018**. Tom's Music House of Concordia will offer a 30-day band instrument trial rental plan will cost about \$40.00 at that time (October 9). If you are planning to use an instrument that is already in the family or buy a used instrument *please* let Mr. Harbaugh or Mrs. Vetter check it over before you buy it or have it repaired.

The instrumentation of the Beloit High School Band and Orchestra must be well balanced, it is necessary that we get a well balanced band in the beginning. This means we must regulate the type and number of various instruments to be used. Selection of the band instruments will be determined to create a balanced band. The clarinet, trumpet, and trombone carry no limitations in the number of students who wish to participate. These instruments are considered the "backbone" of the band and orchestra and are critical to the successful instrumental music program. Due to media exposure, three band instruments (flute, saxophone, and percussion/bells) enjoy great popularity and therefore require limited enrollment in order to maintain a uniform balance in ensemble instrumentation.

Notice there is a **\$7.50** fee for recorder class. The **\$7.50** will rent a recorder (**\$2.13**) and buy BEST IN CLASS RECORDER METHOD BOOK by Bruce Pearson, Kjos Publishing Co. (**\$5.37**). We are no longer using Modern Musical Fun Books in pre-band class however any C pitched recorder may be used. The Peripole model BP-6000 one piece recorder is available for you to purchase for **\$11.87**, purchase is not required for pre-band class. Send **\$17.24** if you want to buy a recorder and book.

I feel *every* student should participate in pre-band class. Each week the members will have an assignment which will require some home practice. **DAILY PRACTICE AT A SPECIFIED TIME** is good training for any boy or girl at this age. **Please help your child remember the recorder each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.** Feel free to call me if you have any questions (738-3581).

Please send **\$7.50** with your child today! Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1. **Students will need a pencil, recorder, and BEST IN CLASS recorder method book for each lesson.**

Sincerely,  
Mr. Michael Harbaugh  
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