



Mary Orr Band

**Parent
Orientation**

- Classes are split up into "like" instruments.

- Flute Class
- Clarinet Class
- Saxophone Class
- Trombone Class
- High Brass Class
 - Trumpet
 - French Horn
- Percussion Class
- Double Reed Class
 - Oboe and Bassoon
 - Bass Clarinet
- Low Brass Class
 - Euphonium and Tuba

The Directors

- Mrs. Cupp teaches all of the Woodwind classes
- Mr. Chavez teaches all of the brass classes
- Mr. Feldser teaches the percussion class

How Band is scheduled

A day / B day Schedule

Students will be following the high school A/B calendar

A Day Classes

Saxophone
Oboe
Bassoon
Bass Clarinet
French horn
Trombone
Percussion

B Day Classes

Flute
Clarinet
Trumpet
Euphonium
Tuba

- Students must pass all classes to participate in extra curricular events
- Students must bring instrument and supplies to class every day
- Band is a full year commitment. Once you are in band you must stick with it for the entire year.
- Students will practice on average of 30 minutes a day and turn in a practice log once a week.
- Theory assignments will be given weekly
- Performance tests and music pass-offs will be given weekly.
- All performances are mandatory unless the student is ineligible due to grades

Expectations of Band Students



Fall Preview
Performance

Winter Concert

Solo Contest

Various assembly
performances

Sandy Lake Band
Contest

Spring Awards
Concert

Performance Opportunities

No Pass No Play

- **Co-curricular Performances:** performances that are an extension of what we learn in the classroom. These performances are mandatory along with the after school rehearsals to prepare for them.
- **Extra-curricular Performances:** performances that involve a competition such as the MISD Solo Contest and the Sandy Lake Band Festival. Students must be passing all classes with a 70 or higher the six weeks prior to the event in order to be considered eligible.

Director communication

- **Band website: www.moisband.weebly.org**
- Tracy Cupp – Director of the MOIS Band Program
 - Teaches all Woodwind classes
 - tracycupp@misdmail.org
 - 817-299-2516
- Freddy Chavez – Director of the Worley Band Program
 - Teaches all Brass classes
 - alfredochoavez@misdmail.org
- Kevin Feldser – Director of Percussion Mansfield HS, Worley MS, Wester MS, Asa Low Int., Mary Orr Int.
 - Kevinfeldser@misdmail.org

Remind Codes text to 81010

- FULL BAND: **@moisband**
- FLUTE: **@moisflutes**
- CLARINET: **@moisclar**
- OBOE, BASSOON, BASS CLARINET:
@moisdblow
- SAXOPHONE: **@moissax**
- TRUMPET: **@moistpt**
- FRENCH HORN: **@moisfh**
- TROMBONE: **@moistbn**
- EUPHONIUM, TUBA: **@moisbrass**
- PERCUSSION: **@moisperc**

School Owned Instruments

- Students can check out the following instruments for the school year:
 - Oboe
 - Bassoon
 - Bass Clarinet
 - French Horn
 - Euphonium
 - Tuba
 - Students are given 2 tubas
 - One for home and one school
- School owned instruments will require a maintenance fee of \$40.
 - Checks should be made out to Mary Orr Band or you can pay online
- Parents and students must sign an instrument loan contract.
 - Contracts will be passed out in class next week and need to be returned before the student will be issued the instrument



Tuba Students

- Home tubas will become available for pick up at your convenience. Mrs. Cupp will contact you when they are available.

Percussion Students

- Practice Marimbas will be delivered to Mary Orr from Loan Star Percussion. You will be notified when to pick them up.
- Mr. Feldser will email you the link for practice records next week. There will be a separate link for percussion students on the band website.

Other items to purchase

- Official Mary Orr Band Shirt \$12
- 1 inch 3 ring binder with pencil bag
- Tradition of Excellence Book \$10 (percussion use a different book)
- Instrument Care Kit \$15 (except for percussion)
- Reeds (for Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet and Saxophone)
 - Box of 10 reeds cost \$20-\$25
 - Bass Clarinet box of 5 reeds cost \$20-\$25
 - Oboe and Bassoon reeds cost \$12-\$15 each
 - Reed case \$5-\$30 (depending on instrument)
- Metronome and Tuner \$35 (free versions available from app store)
- Folding music stand for **home** use \$20
- French Horn, Euphonium and Tuba students will need to purchase their own mouthpiece
 - (\$30-\$80 depending on the instrument)

- You may want to check your homeowners insurance to see if you can add your student's instrument on it.
- School owned instruments are expensive and it is advised to get them insured while you have it checked out for the school year.

Instrument Insurance

Playing Tests / Chair Tests

- Students will be tested weekly on material that is taught in class that week.
- Some playing tests will be chair tests. Chair tests will rank students from highest score down. We use the results of these chair tests to help with band placement in middle school.

Practice Records

- Students will submit a log of minutes practiced during the week for a grade.
- To submit, go to www.moisband.weebly.com
 - Click on Practice Record and then fill out the google form
- Practice records are due every Wednesday.
 - We will have our first practice record due next week (August 30). Students should be practicing the musical alphabet, notes of the staff, and Rhythm Rockers Unit 1.
 - Percussion Students will start their official practice records next week.

Private Lesson Program

- Private Lessons are \$18 for a 30 minute lesson
- Lessons can be scheduled during band class, before or after school.
- An updated list of private instructors can be found on the band website.

Private lessons are a great way to jump start your student into the top of the class. They will receive one on one instruction that is catered to their individual needs as a musician.

Support your child and invest in their future.

Add music to their lives to broaden their life experiences and help them to become a well rounded member of society.

Enjoy seeing your child grow as a musician and strengthen their self image and confidence.

We look forward to an amazing year exploring instrumental music.

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