

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to Bemidji Middle School! Here, you will find many more opportunities to become involved in things that interest YOU! The band is one of those opportunities. What is also unique about Middle School is that you can do MORE than one music class! We highly recommend that students be involved in multiple music classes to find their true passion and learn as much as possible: band/orchestra, orchestra/choir, choir/band.

The study of music could be one of the most valuable components of your child's education. Current research shows that playing an instrument increases brain development and—along with developing responsibility, mental discipline, teamwork, and self-esteem—will provide enjoyment and fulfillment while fostering a lifelong appreciation of music.

**Instrument Display Night** is tentatively set for **Wednesday, Sep 10, 2025** at **Bemidji Middle School** from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Come when you can to learn about the “**Better Than Rent**” program from Schmitt's or the beginner rental program from Poppler's Music, to get your student everything they need to be successful! If either program doesn't work for your family, a limited number of instruments are available through the school for rent, as well (larger instruments such as the euphonium, tuba, bass clarinet, bari saxophone, and bassoon are rented through the school). Please communicate with the director should this be the case for you *after* attending the display night.

To ensure a balanced band experience, and that your child has selected an appropriate instrument, please make your **top 3 selections** of instruments on the portion below.

To stay up-to-date on all things BAND, join us on REMIND, text “@8kh2cc” to 81010

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (218) 308-6055 or e-mail me at [chrissey\\_freundschuh@isd31.net](mailto:chrissey_freundschuh@isd31.net).

**YES! I WOULD LIKE MY CHILD TO BE INVOLVED IN THE BAND PROGRAM AT BMS!**

please select your TOP 3 choices by NUMBERING THEM in the boxes below.

**1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, 3 = third choice**
















(return this to your homeroom teacher by **FRIDAY, MAY 30th**)

<input type="text"/>	Flute	<input type="text"/>	Oboe	<input type="text"/>	Clarinet	<input type="text"/>	Saxophone
<input type="text"/>	Trumpet	<input type="text"/>	Horn	<input type="text"/>	Trombone	<input type="text"/>	Baritone
<input type="text"/>	Tuba	<input type="text"/>	Bassoon	<input type="text"/>	Percussion (2+ years of piano)		
<input type="text"/>	We are interested, but need more time to decide on an instrument.						
<input type="text"/>	We have an instrument already. It's a _____.						

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to the following videos of each instrument available in the band,

Flute	Oboe <i>Less common</i>	Clarinet
		
Saxophone	Trumpet	French Horn <i>Less common</i>
		
Trombone	Euphonium	Tuba
		
Percussion Instruments: Battery, Mallets, Auxiliary (2+ years of piano recommended)		
		
Bassoon <i>Less common</i>	Tenor Saxophone <i>Less common</i>	Bass Clarinet <i>Less common</i>
		



**PLEASE** do **NOT** buy an instrument from Amazon, eBay, or Walmart without consulting the director first. Some of these instruments are not repairable by repair shops and you could be wasting your money.

**Students interested in percussion** must have either 2 years of piano experience **OR** pass a percussion aptitude test that'll take place at the beginning of the school year, to ensure that percussion is a correct fit for them.