

Jefferson R-VII Beginning Band Parent Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 - 6pm
Jefferson R-VII Performing Arts Center

All beginning band information can be found at:
www.jr7music.com > Bands > Beginning Band

- Welcome - Ron Sikes

“Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music from the day of their birth and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart.”

— Shinichi Suzuki

- Instrument choice -
 - Choice – Students wrote down top 3 choices
 - Tryout – Students tried out 3-5 mouthpieces
 - Best fit for the child – Best fit for the band
- Commitment
 - Band is a year-long class
 - Success through Good Attitude and Work Ethic
 - Growth Mindset

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

— Vince Lombardi

- Practice Tips
 - Be encouraging
 - Be supportive
 - Be positive
 - Encourage weekly performances for family. Ask your child to perform a piece that’s ‘in progress.’ Then ask to hear a piece they can play well.
- Communication
 - Website - www.jr7music.com
 - FaceBook - Search for Jefferson R-7 Music
 - Twitter - Follow on Twitter @jr7musiced
 - Instagram - jr7musiced
 - Email - sikesr@jr7.k12.mo.us
 - Remind - Text the message @8g29gd7 to the number 81010
 - CHARMS - www.charmsoffice.com

- Concerts
 - Concerts are required
 - October/November - Demonstration-style concert
 - December - Winter Concert
 - April - Spring Concert
 - *Dates TBD

- Supplies
 - **Instrument** - Buy, Borrow, or Rent (Nottelmann's Music)
 - No colored instruments allowed (purple clarinets, green trombones, etc)
 - Stay away from Sam's Club, Coscto, eBay, etc.
 - Buyer beware: If a new instrument is the same price as a good used, don't purchase
 - All used instruments need to be inspected by Mr. Sikes or Nottelmann Music
 - To learn more about Nottelmann's rental program, call 314-631-1486
 - Once you have made arrangements to get the instrument that was recommended by Mr. Sikes, please email him
 - Instrument switches will not be allowed unless approved by Mr. Sikes
 - Binder - Provided by R-7
 - Concert Uniform - Music department polo (\$10)
 - Pencils
 - Index Cards
 - Plastic Sheet protectors (about 30 by the end of 6th grade)
 - Korg TM50 Tuner w/ Contact Mic (recommended)
 - Dividers for binder (recommended)
 - Wire Music Stand (for home use only)
 - [www.jr7music > Students > Supplies](http://www.jr7music.com/Students/Supplies)

It's not too late (but it's getting close!) to join band. If you have questions, please email Mr. Sikes ASAP. sikesr@jr7.k12.mo.us