

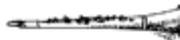
# **Hunter Middle School Band**

## **So you think you want to be in band?**

Being part of a school band program can be a very worthwhile opportunity. Not only do students learn how to play a musical instrument and read music, they will also develop self-discipline skills, and a sense of personal achievement. Also, numerous studies have shown a strong relationship between participation in band and increased scores on standardized achievement tests such as the SAT and ACT. In one study, band students scored higher than their non-band classmates by an average of 11 points in MATH, and 18 points in VERBAL skills. The study also showed that the longer participation can raise MATH scores up to 32 points and VERBAL scores up to 46 points higher than non-band classmates.

## **Music In Our Schools**

Band Classes are taught during the regular school day and do not conflict with any other classes. Band students may take Art, Physical Education, Spanish, Advanced Studies, Computer Technology and all other courses in the schedule of classes.



Band does not conflict with any other extra-curricular activity either. Each year a large number of band members participate in all of the athletics at Hunter.



## **So what does it cost?**

The largest cost to parents is the rental or purchase of an instrument. Many local music stores rent the instruments to own for this very purpose. The average cost of instrument rental in the Chattanooga area is \$25 to \$75 per month. There is also a once per year fee for band of \$50 payable in August.



## **What instrument should I play?**

To determine what instrument a child should play, several things are considered: the size of the child, the shape of the jaw and the teeth, if the child has, or will be getting braces, and the child's personal preference. Additionally, certain instruments require an extra level commitment for a student to perform them. For instance, the Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn and Percussion (drums), require students that are especially dedicated to learn these instruments. Generally, students who make all A's are best suited for these instruments.



## **So, what do I do to get band in my schedule?**

To place your student in band, simply indicate your child wants band as one of your child's related arts on the sixth grade registration form. **If you do not get band on your schedule, please call or email me!** Your child will be automatically placed in a beginning band class, with no need for any prior music instruction. It is just that easy!

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Miller at school, @ 344-1474 or email at miller\_adam@hcde.org.