

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS



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WHAT IS IT?

Our 5th Grade **“Meet the Instruments”** is an opportunity for you to try out all of the instruments that are available to our 6th grade band students. Since clarinet is the only 5th grade instrument options, we want you all to have a chance to try out EVERYTHING else during your band rotation!

WHAT ARE THE OTHER INSTRUMENT OPTIONS?

In 6th grade band, we have all of the instruments that are offered in 5th grade as well as: flute, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion! There are many options and we want you to have an opportunity to try them all. For information about each of the instruments, please visit our band website (hpraidersband.org).

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We have hired some of the best and most experienced band directors that we know who are GREAT at helping students choose an instrument that they can be very successful on! We all have instruments that we may be better suited for than others. These directors are here to guide you through trying each instrument and help determine which one(s) might be best for you!

The event is **COME AND GO** and will be held in the **Highland Park Middle School Band Hall**. These events provide a rare opportunity for you to play all of the different instruments. We encourage you to try them all! This typically takes about an hour.

WHEN WILL I KNOW WHICH INSTRUMENT I MIGHT PLAY IN 6TH GRADE?

Each student will fill out a form when they arrive. This form will be taken with you to each of the instruments that you try. After you have tried them all, you will find Ms. Whitehouse at a “check-out” table. We will talk briefly about all of the instruments you tried and then have you “rank” your top 3 instrument choices based on aptitude (including the clarinet). **We will do our best to place you on an instrument that day, but most definitely within the week that Meet the Instruments is held. WE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS ABLE TO FIT STUDENTS ON ONE OF THEIR TOP 3 CHOICES!!!**

We look forward to seeing you all as soon as we can!!!

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