

KATHERINE STINSON SKYHAWK BAND

This is information for ALL 5TH GRADERS who will be attending Stinson M. S. next year.

1. Band is a class (Subject) that meets during the regular school day. No prior experience needed!
2. You **CAN** be in band and play sports. Many students do.
3. Most parents provide instruments for their child through a low cost rental plan with a local music store.
4. The school provides some special instruments for qualified students. In order to use a school instrument, you must make good progress, care for the instrument, and plan to be in band through the 8th grade.
5. Beginners give concerts and even go to a contest.
6. If you are very weak in regular subjects, then band may be a challenge for you.
7. We have a summer band program that is very important to get you started and ready for the Stinson Band.
8. Band is an "all year" course and students are discouraged from changing their schedules once the school year has begun.
9. Due to physical differences of hands and mouths, some instruments will feel more comfortable than others. The band directors **must** see you and your parents to talk about selecting the best instrument for you. **Instrument selection dates are: March 31st, April 3rd, 5th, and 9th.**
10. Once the counselors and Band Directors have visited your school your parents may call Stinson to set up an appointment. **Parents may begin calling on Monday March 24, 2008 from 8:30-3:30. The number is 397-3672.** (This is the Band Hall office phone.)
Since the instruments fill up on first come first serve basis, your parents should call quickly.
11. Any students interested in playing the drums **MUST** come to the **PERCUSSION AUDITION** on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00am-12:30 in the Stinson Band Hall. **This is a "one on one" tryout, so please call for an appointment.** Parents need to attend also. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY PERCUSSION WITHOUT ATTENDING THE TRYOUT.**

HOW TO JOIN THE BAND!

1. Select **Beginning Band** on the registration card and return it to your school.
2. Have your parents call **Stinson Band Hall (397-3672)** to schedule an appointment with a Band Director. (Do this quickly, as instruments fill up on a first come, first serve basis.)
3. Come to the scheduled appointment or Percussion Tryout.
4. Have at least two instrument choices in your mind.
5. The appointment will be the time to answer all of your questions.

We're looking forward to meeting you!

The Stinson Band Directors

Guerrina Esparza

Alex Melendez