

4th Grade Band Information:

Each fourth grade band student receives a lesson once every six days. Lessons are typically from 8:00am - 8:30am in the music room. Students should come to lessons on time with their instrument, required books, and yellow card. The yellow card tells students which exercises they should be practicing for each lesson.

Parents and students should set up a time and place to practice each day to establish a successful practice routine. Having a parent sit in on beginner practice not only helps to encourage students to practice, it also helps to have a reminding force of beginning basics. Each fourth grade band student will have a packet of beginner information and basics in his or her band folder. Please make sure your student has their instrument, all their materials, and is prepared for each lesson.

2016-2017 Lesson Schedule:

Day 1: Flutes

Day 2: Clarinets

Day 3: Saxophones

Day 4: Trumpets

Day 5: Low Brass (Trombone and Baritone)

Day 5: Low Brass 2 (1:45-2:15)

Day 6: Percussion

Important Information:

Click [here](#) to view the **beginner band welcome letter**. In it, you will find the band lesson schedule and important info regarding lessons, practicing, and concerts.

Click [here](#) to view the **informational brochure** that was distributed during recruitment in third grade. In it, you will find supply lists, recommended instrument brands, an overview of our instrumental music program, and tips for parents.

Click [here](#) to view the 4th band supply list. Please make sure to purchase every item on the list for your instrument. We will use everything throughout the school year.

Concerts:

The Fourth Grade Band will have **one** concert this school year:

- **May 17th, 2017:** 4th Grade Orchestra, Band, and Chorus Concert - 7:00pm, Horseheads High School Auditorium

Concert Dress:

Students are required to wear concert black and white (black bottoms, white top)

- Black bottoms (dress pants, skirts, dresses) Please no jeans or athletic shorts
- White tops (polo shirt, button down shirt, cardigan sweater, blouse, etc.)
- Dark colored shoes, socks, and tights (please try to avoid wearing sneakers or flip-flops)

Practice Tips for Parents:

[3 Things Parents Must Tell Their Children When They Begin a Musical Instrument](http://www.nafme.org/3-things-parents-must-tell-their-children-when-they-begin-a-musical-instrument/)

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[Getting Kids to Practice Music - Without Tears or Tantrums](http://www.npr.org/sections/deceptivecadence/2012/06/18/155282684/getting-kids-to-practice-music-without-tears-or-tantrums)

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