

Dear 5th Grade Students & Families,

5th Graders are invited to learn one of the following six instruments:

Flute
Trumpet

Clarinet
Trombone

Alto Saxophone
Percussion (Xylophone & Practice Pad)

Students will need to either rent or own their instrument in order to join band. I recommend renting the instruments at our BAND OPEN HOUSE (9/17) OR visiting Gerry's Music Company on Lamb Street to secure your own instrument. Paperwork has been sent home regarding Rental Programs for Instruments.

BAND OPEN HOUSE is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 17th @ 6 pm in the school café for NEW BAND Students. Please try to attend this meeting so students can get their instruments, books & information to get started with lessons.

Parents - please email Mr. Holmes your child's intention to join band & the instrument he/she wishes to learn. Mr. Holmes will email each parent back with additional information. Mr. Holmes' email is **bholmes@shschools.com**

All band students will need their own copy of the band Method Book that we use for 5th Grade Band. This book is, "**Tradition of Excellence Book 1**" by KJOS Publishing. The approximate cost is \$12.95.

5th Grade Band students play their instrument 3x per week at school:

<u>Tuesdays</u> After-School	(2:30 – 3:45 pm) Band Rehearsal * starts on 10/22/19
<u>Wednesdays</u> during School	45 minute weekly group lesson on rotating schedule
<u>Fridays</u> during School	Band Rehearsal 40 minutes before lunch

PLEASE EMAIL MR. HOLMES WITH YOUR INTENTION TO JOIN BAND ☺

I look forward to meeting you!

Brooks Holmes

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<https://www.southhadleyschools.org/Page/5412> - band website

*Attached ~ Gerry's Music Company Flyer detailing their Rental Program.
Your 1st Payment covers 4 months! The next payment won't be due until January ☺*