



Summer Band Camp



Dear Intermediate Band Students,

Hello! My name is Ms. Becky Czachor, and I am the Band Teacher at West De Pere Intermediate School. Whether you are a 5th Grader new to band or a returning 6th Grade to band, I am very excited about working with your student as a member of the Intermediate School Band program. I am confident that you will find instrumental music to be an extremely rewarding experience for your child!

I highly encourage every band student to attend the summer band camp that starts in August. These group sessions will give you a great head start on either learning their instrument or brushing the dust off and reviewing what was learned last school year, and we will have a great time in the process! Students do not need to come to every session for your instrument. However, the more sessions they attend, the further ahead they will be when school starts! Students should attend as many of the 8 lesson days as possible. There is no need to RSVP as to which dates your student can or cannot attend.

Lessons are located in the band room at the Intermediate School. Students should enter from the back entrance of the school which is located off of Lourdes Ave. Door 10 will be open for students to enter. The band room is the first room PAST the cafeteria. If you rented an instrument from Heid Music or Jim's Music, it will be delivered to school for your student. I will pass out the instruments to your student upon their first band lesson, whether this is during summer lessons or the school year.

Couple of things to note about summer band camp

- 1- Sessions run Monday-Thursday. Friday is a day off to allow families to continue to have long weekends.
- 2- Students should attend the session of the grade and instrument they will be in at the start of the upcoming school year. For example, a student who is going to be in 6th grade and plays trumpet should attend the session at 3:00 PM.
- 3- I very much understand that your student may already be signed up for other summer camps, or there are family vacations scheduled during the weeks of band camp. That is OK, I ask that if you are able to get students to the school for their session that you make that happen! Any amount of sessions they can attend will be incredibly beneficial.
- 4- If your student can not attend summer band camp, don't worry that they will be behind at the start of the school year. The start of the school year is a "reset" for all students, so all students who are in school will receive the same instruction and should have what they need to succeed!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. On the next page of this letter, you will find general information that should help you and your student get ready for band. Thanks for your attention to this letter, and I look forward to seeing you for summer lessons in August!

Sincerely,
Ms. Czachor

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Q. In general, what supplies do all band students need to have/rent/purchase?

- A. All students need to have:
- o Instrument in good playing condition
 - o Band Method Book **Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician** by Scott Rush and Jeff Scott (green cover)
 - o Extra reeds, valve oil, or key oil – additional supplies as needed, check with music stores
 - o Pencil

Q. My student is signed up for percussion. What supplies do they need?

- A. Percussionists will need to rent or acquire a snare and bell kit just like any other instrument for practice at home. They will also need drum sticks, bell mallets, and the method book.

Q. Can my student leave their instrument at school during summer band camp?

- A. During summer band camp, I would prefer that students take their instruments home. Students will be assigned a locker for the school year. Arrangements can be made if it's not possible for a student to bring their instrument back and forth to summer band camp.

Q. When will students need to start bringing their instruments during the school year?

- A. Students will NOT need to bring their instruments the first two days of school. Ms. Czachor will let the students know when to start bringing instruments.

PLEASE HAVE THESE SUPPLIES FOR THE SUMMER CAMP/START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!

Items listed below are what you need to keep your instrument clean and in working order. Please be sure you have the appropriate items listed below.

Flute: cleaning rod with a 6" x 6" piece of cloth or handkerchief, pencil

Clarinet: cleaning swab, 1 box of reeds (Recommended reeds Van Doren 2 ½), cork grease, pencil

Saxophone (for 6th graders only): cleaning swab, 1 box of reeds (Recommended reeds Van Doren 2 ½), cork grease, pencil

Trumpet & Baritone: valve oil, pencil

Trombone: slide oil, pencil

Percussion: Stick and Mallet Bag, pencil

Summer Band Camp Schedule 2024

- Weeks of August 5th-8th and 12th-15th
- The schedule is the same for both weeks and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- At West De Pere Intermediate School- Band Room

8:00-8:45	5th Grade Flute
9:00-9:45	5th Grade Clarinet
10:00-10:45	5th Grade Trumpet
11:00-11:45	5th Grade Trombone
1:00-1:45	5th Grade Percussion
2:00-2:45	6th Grade Saxophone
3:00-3:45	6th Grade Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion

- Please contact Ms. Czachor with any questions- email will be best during the summer- bczachor@wdpsd.com
- 6th graders are expected to play the same instrument they were playing in 5th grade.