

Thunder Bay Junior High

Department of Instrumental Music

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Fifth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

It is that time of the year! Time for our fifth grade students to start planning and scheduling for middle school! One of the most rewarding opportunities in sixth grade is to become a member of the Alpena Band Program!

The Alpena School District is very proud of the accomplishments the Alpena Bands have made over the years. Our award-winning middle school and high school bands represent Alpena and our community in a variety of local parades, concerts, athletic events, and band festival events, where we have received some of the highest honors possible at the district and state level. On an individual basis, Alpena Band students have participated in clinics and workshops, and have consistently been selected to perform in various All-State and Honors Ensembles.

Our bands are comprised of students from a variety of academic, athletic, and musical ability levels. It is our philosophy to offer all students at all levels a challenging and rewarding experience that will give them lifelong skills and memories.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

♪ Yes, students can participate in both band and sports! We collaborate with the athletic department to avoid almost all conflicts.

♪ Sixth grade students perform at the Spaghetti Dinner Concert, Winter Concert, and Picnic Pops at the Bandshell.

♪ Eighth grade band students travel to Chicago every year in May for the Chicago Symphony Tour.

Tour Features: Transportation- Coastal Charter & Tours, Inc., Escort, Hotel- 3 Nights Lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Blue Man Group Performance, Chicago Symphony Orchestra Performance, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science & Industry (IMAX), Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), Rainforest Café, Giordano's Pizza, Hard Rock Cafe.

♪ Families can purchase instruments through Marshall Music using their rent-to-own program. Monthly payments include insurance on the instrument to repair any damages for free. If choosing to purchase an instrument through other means (internet, local shop, etc), please check with Mr. Gozzard or Ms. Hartman first by sending the brand name of the instrument to ensure you are purchasing a quality instrument. Many brands are of very low quality; we want to help protect your investment by giving you honest feedback about the quality of certain instruments.

♪ Once signed up, each student is fitted for an instrument that they will prove successful playing and one that they seem to enjoy playing. Some school-owned instruments can be provided for students in need of financial support. If for some reason a child does not want to play their fitted instrument but would like to participate in band, please contact Mr. Gozzard or Ms. Hartman to find a solution.

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