

Thunder Bay Junior High
Department of Instrumental Music

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Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on your decision to participate in the Instrumental Music Program in Alpena Public Schools. We are excited to meet and get to know you.

The first step in your band experience will be "Beginning Band Camp". Many ask "Why do I need to attend Beginning Band Camp?" The answer is simply that during that week, you will learn how to assemble your instrument, how to form an embouchure, how to hold your instrument correctly and learn your first five notes along with simple counting of rhythmic figures. Once school starts, you will be on track for success in learning your instrument. The schedule below will let you know the dates of the camp and what time you need to be here. It is very important that you attend with your instrument and materials on the first day as we will be playing right away.

Marshall Music will be here on Monday, August 13th to help with your specific needs. You will need to contact them in advance if you need to rent/purchase an instrument or book (Essential Elements 2000 Book 1, your instrument). If you are doing any business with them that day, please arrive early so that you don't miss any instruction. You can contact them at 1-800-996-9619 (school service). Students who will use school owned instruments such as tubas, bass clarinets, etc. can check those out when they arrive for their first session. If you are using a school instrument, you are still responsible for getting your own book (Essential Elements 2000 Book 1, your instrument), oils and reeds.

Please remember, you were fitted for an instrument toward the end of the school year. It is not okay to change instruments on your own as your schedule at school is set by the records that we have on each student and what they have been fitted to play.

I know you will have a great time at Beginning Band Camp. Again, congratulations on your decision to be in Band!

Mr. Gozzard and Ms. Hartman

Beginning Band Camp
Thunder Bay Junior High Band Room
August 13-17, 2018

8:00-8:50 a.m.	Flute	Trumpet & French Horn
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Alto Sax	Trombone
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Clarinet	Baritone
11:00-11:50 a.m.	Oboe	Percussion