

# Salem Band



September 3, 2015

Dear Band Parent,

Your child has begun an exciting part of his/her music education! Playing an instrument can be very rewarding, but it can also be a great challenge. During these first few weeks you can be a big help by spending time working with your child to enable them to get off to a good start.

The "Essential Elements for Band" books that we have chosen have very clear instructions and a online resources explaining how to assemble the instrument properly, how to hold it, and how to produce the first tones. Please take a few minutes to review this material. You might even enjoy trying it out yourself!

If at any time the instrument appears to need repairs, PLEASE do not attempt to repair it yourself. Many times we can do quick and simple repairs at the school. If the instrument needs further attention it should be taken to a trained and experienced instrument repair technician.

The first tones your child produces may not be particularly beautiful, but in time this will definitely improve. To start, encourage your child to practice in short blocks of 10 minutes per day rather than one or two longer sessions per week. Retention of information is vital, and practicing is a must.

Please return the Band Registration Form at our first band rehearsal so that we can enter the correct information into our database. If you ever have questions or concerns please call us at 330-332-8905 ext. 58355 (HS Band Room) or 330-332-8925 (Southeast Elementary). You may also visit my teacher page linked to the Salem website.

Sincerely,

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