



Hello to Maumee Fifth Grade and their Parents,

In the Maumee City School system, students have the exciting opportunity to start band or orchestra instruments in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. On April 13th, all Fifth Grade students will walk over to the high School Performing Arts Center for a demonstration of band and orchestra instruments by high school students during school. Mr. Boswell (Band) and Mr. Hawary (Orchestra) will also be visiting your child’s music class at Wayne Trail the week of April 10-13

This is the season for every 5<sup>th</sup> grader to make their choice for what music class they would like to take next year at Gateway Middle School. We’d like you to consider continuing with music through band, orchestra, or choir, as opposed to a non music class. There are MANY benefits to your child participating in music including improved academics and positive socialization skills.

There will be an opportunity over two nights for students to try different instruments to help them make the correct choice of which instrument to play in band or orchestra. Those dates and times are:



**Tuesday, April 18, from 4:00 to 7:00pm - in the Performing Arts Center Lobby**  
**Thursday, April 20, from 4:00 to 6:00pm – in the Performing Arts Center**

Plan on attending anytime during those hours. We will have directors, other teachers, and current students there to insure everything goes smoothly, without taking forever. A representative from Rettig Music will be there to talk about instrument rental/ purchase. Rettig does a lot of business with the school, but you are welcome to shop around to other music stores. However, we do ask that you be careful if purchasing online. No oddly colored instruments (pink, purple, etc); Ask a director before purchasing!!

There are no “strings” attached, when you try the instruments out either!! A student may try one instrument, or all the instruments. Enter through the PAC lobby. If you can’t make any of these times, please go to Rettig Music on Airport Hwy (Across from Old Navy) and tell them you are from Maumee and want to try out an instrument. They would be able to help you and can relay this info on to us. ***You can also contact either of us to schedule a time to meet and do a one on one fitting.***

In Maumee, we start:

Band Instrument Choices:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Percussion (bells & drum pad)
- (Students can switch to Tuba, French Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, etc later)
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone

Orchestra Instrument Choices:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- String Bass

*Remember: All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to make their music choice so we can get them scheduled for classes at Gateway! Questions? Email us (preferred) or call Gateway 419-893-3386*

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