

Mt. Baker Middle School Band & Orchestra  
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## **Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra at Mt. Baker**

Hello 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents!

Band and Orchestra at Mt. Baker is an exciting and fun-filled opportunity for any fifth grade student from Ilalko, Lakeland Hills, Gildo Rey, and AlPac Elementary schools. **5<sup>th</sup> grade Students in the Mt. Baker neighborhood who currently attend Terminal Park are also welcome to join! Alpac students from the Olympic neighborhood should attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental program at Olympic Middle School.**

### **First Day of Instruction**

The first day of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band or Orchestra is Tuesday, September 23rd, so it's time to start thinking seriously about what instrument you might like to play. You will have an opportunity to try several band and orchestra instruments when we visit Lakeland Hills, Gildo Rey, Alpac, Terminal Park, and Ilalko in **September.**

We will make some recommendations about what instrument you might experience the most success on, but it will be up to you and your family to **make a commitment to one instrument for the entire year.** You may know a friend or family member that you could borrow an instrument from, or you may rent an instrument from a music store. Please let us know if you are having difficulty finding an instrument.

### **Parent Night/ Music Store Night**

In order to better assist you in renting an instrument, we will have approximately 5 music stores on hand (with instruments and supplies) at the Mt. Baker Gym on **September 16, 2014. We will have an informational meeting at 5 p.m. After the meeting, you will have an opportunity to visit the music store vendors up until 6:45.** This is your chance to meet your teachers, officially sign up for band and orchestra, rent an instrument (the music stores will also be happy to let you try instruments if you have further questions), ask questions, and pick up transportation information.

### **Transportation**

Students from Ilalko, Lakeland Hills, Alpac, and Terminal Park are invited to ride the Mt. Baker Middle School busses to Mt. Baker in the mornings. Bus route information will be available at the parent night. Students generally catch the middle school bus closest to their home.

### **Schedule**

Your child will receive a book to use and will have instruction twice a week from 7:15-8:15 each day. Please note the following band/orchestra schedule for **Mt. Baker.**

**\*MT. BAKER ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE:**

Orchestra students will have class TWO times a week starting on

**Tuesday, September 23rd.**

Tuesdays: Violins

Wednesdays: Violas, Cellos, Basses

Thursdays: Violins

Fridays: Violas, Cellos, Basses

**\*MT. BAKER BAND SCHEDULE:**

Band students will have class TWO times a week starting on

**Tuesday, September 23rd.**

Tuesdays: Flutes

Wednesdays: Clarinets & Oboes

Thursdays: Trumpets, French Horns, Baritones, Trombones

Fridays: FULL BAND- All Band Students Attend!

**Important Concert Dates**

You will be amazed how much you will learn and how fast you will progress this year in Band and Orchestra! You will receive a list of all of our concerts in September!

Please Note: The week of a formal concert we usually have Orchestra and Band every day. We will send home letters and schedule changes as they come up. When school is delayed or cancelled for WINTER SNOW WEATHER, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra and Band is ALWAYS CANCELLED!

We hope to see YOU in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music Program at Mt. Baker. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us at: 253-804-4555. We are always available between 7:00-7:15 and between 2:00-2:30 each day. Check our web pages at [www.auburn.wednet.edu/mtbaker](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/mtbaker). We look forward to meeting you and your child. We would be honored if you would become a part of our music program.  
ENRICH YOUR LIFE WITH MUSIC!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wharton  
Orchestra

Mr. Paustian  
Band