



The First Step...

Come to our
Instrument Drive!

Monday, March 18 and Thursday, March 21
6:00-8:00pm
(come and go, first come first served basis)

VAMS Band Hall

Students will be able to try several instruments under the direction of a band director. There will be a table set up to rent instruments and supplies, provided by:

SAIED Music Company
Sherman, Tx.

www.saiedmusic.com

So are you ready to join
the band?



That's great because we can't wait to have
you!

On Monday we will be testing those students who are interested in percussion. Thursday we will test the woodwind and brass instruments.

Can't make it on Thursday? Come by on Monday!

For any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Meziere

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Join the PANTHER BAND



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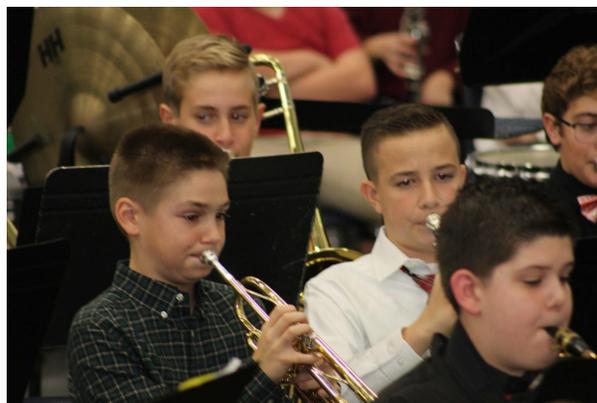
Van Alstyne Middle School



It's time to join the **Van Alstyne Panther Band!** The beginning band is the biggest organization in the school and is open to all 6th grade students. Being in band not only teaches students how to play an instrument, but it also improves leadership abilities, responsibility, and provides a unique social opportunity for your student to develop lifelong friendships.

6th Grade Band Highlights:

- Learn how to play an instrument!
- Go to band class every day!
- Perform 3 concerts: Fall, Winter and Spring!
- Compete at a music festivals against other band from across the state!
- Band parties!
- Make tons of new friends!
- Have lots of fun!



Picking an instrument:

Of course you'll need an instrument-BUT don't get one yet! At the instrument drive, you will get to try out several instruments and together we will select the best option for you based on three things:

1. What instrument are you going to be best suited for?

Everyone is different and will have a unique ability to play a specific instrument.

2. What instruments does the band need?

The band is similar to a football team, we can only have a certain number of people on certain instruments. A team of 20 quarterbacks would be as unsuccessful as a band of 20 flutes.

3. What instrument will you have fun playing?

A student who is on an instrument they like will have more fun, be more motivated, and be involved longer.

FAQS

What are my instrument choices?

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Percussion.

Do I need to know how to read music or play an instrument?

No, that's what we are here for! We will teach you everything you need to know!

What costs are associated with being in band?

Instruments may be rented SAIED Music Company, certain specialty instruments may be available through VAISD for \$50 a year; monthly payment options are available. **Supplies** for the instruments may also be purchased through SAIED Music Company. Other costs include \$10 book and \$15 tshirt. Finances should never be a reason not to join band. **We can accomodate everyone!**

Can I be in band and other activities (athletics/cheerleading)?

Yes! We encourage students to be a part of any activity they wish. There has never been a situation that we have not been able to work out.

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