

# Oswego District #308

Summer Band Programs

# Beginner Band Classes

- Students are scheduled to attend at their “home” school for the four weeks prior to the start of school.
- Students are scheduled into like-instrument classes for beginning instruction.
- Students cover the equivalent of a traditional 5<sup>th</sup> grade band program during the four weeks of Summer Band.
- All fundamental instrumental skills are introduced, practiced and mastered during Summer Band.

# Summer Band Essential Skills-Cornet

- Body Position
  - Feet flat on floor
  - Knees bent
  - Sitting at front of chair
  - Back arched
  - Shoulders relaxed
- Playing Position
  - Correct hand position
  - Relaxed Left Hand
    - RH finger tips on valves
    - RH pinky on top of ring
    - RH palm open
  - Elbows away from body
  - Chin up
  - Mouthpiece placement on lips

- Breathing
  - Mouthpiece against lips
  - Breath from the corners
  - Full relaxed breath in
  - Steady air stream out (warm and cold)
- Buzzing
  - Demonstrates the “Flat C’s”
  - Steady buzz with lips alone (4-8 counts)
  - Steady buzz with mouthpiece (4-8 counts)
  - Steady tone on instrument (4-8 counts)
  - Clear tone on low and high buzzing and playing

### **Instrument Care and Maintenance**

- Can oil valves and keeps valves in good condition
- Can grease slides and all slides are in good working condition
- Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Soft cloth in case, Mouthpiece Brush

- Music Reading

- 5 Minute Theory Lessons 1-9

- Taps foot while playing
    - Plays with a steady tempo
    - Knows, understands, and can count rhythms
    - All notes and rhythms in workbook pages 4 & 5
    - Know and demonstrate fingerings for all notes in workbook pages 4 & 5

- Performance Skills

- Able to participate in all exercises individually and with the group
  - Able to perform all exercises done in class and in the workbook pages 4 & 5

# Staffing

- Each JHS has two teachers to teach the Beginner Summer Band.
- We also have a central location for Percussion Classes and Oboe Classes.
- The teaching assignments are twofold:
  1. Each building has a woodwind and a brass specialist.
  2. Each building needs two teachers to cover all of the classes.



# School Year Beginning Band

- Three Classes: Percussion (7)
- Brass (62)



- Woodwinds(58)



# Staffing Continued

- We currently utilize all district band staff that wish to teach Summer Band.
- We currently utilize a district music teacher to teach the oboe class.
- We currently use outside consultants to teach with us because of their teaching specialty and the need for additional staff.



## Oswego #308 2010 Summer Beginning Band Classes & Staff

<b>BEDNARCIK JHS (Mon-Fri)</b>		
<b>Class Times</b>	<b>Lisa Heemstra</b>	<b>Kelly O'Neil</b>
8:00 - 8:45	Flute	Horn
8:45 - 9:30	Clarinet I	Cornet
9:30 - 10:15	Clarinet II	Trombone
10:15 - 11:00	Alto Saxophone	Baritone/Tuba

<b>THOMPSON JHS (Mon-Fri)</b>		
<b>Class Times</b>	<b>Dan Harrison</b>	<b>Stephanie Silosky</b>
8:00 - 8:45	Horn	Clarinet I
8:45 - 9:30	Cornet	Clarinet II
9:30 - 10:15	Trombone	Flute
10:15-11:00	Baritone/Tuba	Alto Saxophone
11:00-12:00	Percussion	

<b>TR JHS (Mon-Fri)</b>		
<b>Class Times</b>	<b>Rachel Maxwell</b>	<b>Shawn Maxwell*</b>
8:00 - 8:45	Horn	Flute
8:45 - 9:30	Cornet	Clarinet I
9:30 - 10:15	Trombone	Clarinet II
10:15 - 11:00	Baritone/Tuba	Alto Saxophone

<b>Plank JHS (Mon-Thur)</b>		
<b>Class Times</b>	<b>Meghan Fulton</b>	<b>Dennis Osterman*</b>
8:00 - 9:00	Clarinet I	Flute
9:00-10:00	Clarinet II	Alto Saxophone
10:00-11:00	Horn	Trombone
11:00-12:00	Cornet	Baritone/Tuba

<b>Percussion (@ BE) (Mon-Fri)</b>	<b>Walt Schneider*</b>
8:00-9:00	TR Percussionists
9:00-10:00	PL Percussionists
10:00-11:00	BE Percussionists

<b>Oboe (@ TR) (Mon-Fri)</b>	<b>Laurie Neisler</b>
8:00 - 8:45	Traugher Oboes
8:45 - 9:30	Plank/Thompson Oboes
9:30 - 10:15	Bednarcik Oboes

# Questions/Discussion

- Beginner Summer Band
  - Collection of fees?  
(online, sent to Dist. Office)
  - Payment for Outside Consultants?

# Discussion

- It is very important for students to participate in Beginner Summer Band if they wish to enroll in Beginner Band in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Band is an elective and has unique requirements-acquiring an instrument, evening performances, etc.
- Parents want their children in our band program and understand the need to participate in Summer Band.



# 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Band

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Band ran in Oswego from 1969-2009. It was not offered in 2010 due to logistical changes in the Beginner Program.
- The Band Programs in our comparable school districts offer Summer Band for Junior High Students.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Band may be a strong program for the Summer School Enrichment Program.

# Logistics

- Advanced Summer Band may be run at each building or at hubs, depending upon the level of interest.
- Student enrollment may run from 80 to 150 students per building.
- Advanced Summer Band would be scheduled daily after the completion of Beginner Summer Band or run concurrently in the morning, depending upon staffing options.

# Staffing

- Advanced Summer Band will need 2-3 teachers at each location to run the program.
  - Full Band, Sectionals, Small Group Instruction, Ensemble Management
- Additional staff beyond the Current District Band Staff would need to be utilized to run the program.

# Discussion of Advanced Summer Band

- Should it/can it be offered?
- Fee?
- Staffing?
- Schedule?