



Royal Oak Band Program



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Royal Oak Middle School

Grade 6 Band Selection Form

This form is to be completed by students wishing to participate in the Royal Oak band program in Grade 6. It is to be handed in to the office at Royal Oak Middle School no later than Tuesday, May 1, 2018 @ 3:30 pm. Because class sizes may be limited, forms will be dated upon arrival at the ROMS office and classes filled on a first come first served basis.

Student's Name:	
Grade 5 School:	

Any previous musical training? Yes No

Describe any previous musical training:

Instruments can be chosen from the following: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, and Bells. In the case of percussion, students are required to start on bells or xylophones to develop mallet technique and note reading. On April 24, 2018 (6:30-8 pm) there will be an instrument tryout night at Royal Oak Middle School for incoming students.

Please give three instrument choices!

First choice	
Second choice	
Third choice	

Contact Information

Parent Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
*Parent Signature:	

*We have read the attached Band Program pamphlet and understand the philosophy, commitment and responsibilities we are taking on.

Thank you for choosing the Royal Oak Middle School Music Program. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Chantelle Galvao,
Music Director
Royal Oak Middle School

Royal Oak Middle School Music

If your son or daughter is interested in music this is the place to be! Royal Oak Middle School has an up and coming music program led by Mrs. Galvao. This is a year long commitment so students cannot leave the program mid year.

Band – Why join?

When children join band they increase their ability to analyze and evaluate information. They learn about teamwork and cooperation and find ways to make new friends through common interests. Music fosters creativity and nurtures independent thinking, which can be applied to other areas of learning. Studies have shown that students who study music demonstrate stronger reading, spelling and math skills as well as listening and motor skills. Each accomplishment in band helps to build student self-confidence.

Role of the Student

- To be successful, a student must realize that playing an instrument requires memory work, self-discipline to practice regularly (30 minutes a day!) and a desire to face new challenges.
- Students are learning a new language of symbols, notes and Italian phrases, which require study. As in sports, students are developing muscles, fine motor skills and techniques to make playing easier. Practice makes perfect.

Role of the Parent

- Your child's success in learning to play an instrument depends a lot on you. Be generous with your praise and be supportive when discouragement or frustration sets in.
- Encourage daily practice. Attend concerts and recitals or purchase CDs of good music.

Instrument Selection

On [April 24th 2017 \(6:30-8 pm\)](#) there will be an instrument tryout night at Royal Oak Middle School. During this night incoming students will be given the chance to try all the instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Bells). In the case of percussion, students are required to start on bells to develop mallet technique and note reading. The transition to drums is made when students show mastery of these techniques. When filling out the band application form please give three instrument choices! A band must have a balanced number of instruments therefore not everyone may get their first choice.

Instrument Rental

Students will be required to rent instruments from one of the music stores in town (Larsen Music, Long & McQuade, Tom Lee Music) or from the band department here at ROMS in September 2018. When renting from the school due to limited numbers of some instruments, the rentals will be handed out on a first come first served basis. Rental costs are approximately \$120-\$150 for the school year depending on the instrument.

* Please see back of page for more information about the ROMS Music Program

Grade 6-8 Music Classes Offered

Band

Band is an elective course here at Royal Oak Middle School and runs all year long due to the skill development involved in learning a new instrument. Grade 6 students will take band 3 times in a 2 week rotation, plus one lunch time sectional every 2 weeks for small group instruction specific to their instrument. Band classes take place before school from 8-9am. Due to scheduling conflicts it is important that students and parents are aware that the band program is a full year commitment and students cannot leave the program mid-year.

Grade 6 Concert Band

Course Description: Grade 6 Concert Band is an introductory class to music. Students will choose one instrument and will learn how to play it. Students will also learn the basics of music in regard to music theory and music history. Students will be introduced to basic rhythms and melodies. Throughout the year students will be learning from the Standard of Excellence (Book 1) method book and a selection of concert band repertoire. By using the method book and performing repertoire students will learn about intonation and expression among other things. Students will be able to share what they have learned throughout the year at the Winter and Spring concerts and a music festival.

Grade 7 Concert Band

Course Description: Grade 7 Concert Band is a continuation class to music. Students will continue playing the instrument that they choose in Grade 6. Students will learn more complex aspects in regard to music theory and music history. Students will be introduced to more complex rhythms and melodies. Throughout the year students will be learning from the Standard of Excellence (Book 2) method book and a selection of concert band repertoire. By using the method book and performing repertoire students will learn about intonation, expression, tone, balance, among other things. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of performances including the Band concerts and a music festival.

Concert Band 8

Course Description: Grade 8 Concert Band is a continuation class to music. Students will continue playing the instrument that they choose in Grade 6. Students will learn even more complex aspects in regard to music theory, music history and composition. Students will be introduced to more complex rhythms and melodies. The repertoire selected for this class will greatly vary in style and difficulty. Students will learn about intonation, expression, tone, balance, foreground and background, among other things. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of performances throughout the year, including the Elementary Tour, Band concerts and the Con Brio Music Festival in Whistler, BC.

Stage Band/Jazz Band Club

Course/Club Description: Jazz Band Club meets once a week during lunch activity time and focuses on playing music of the Jazz idiom. Students will use the Essential Elements Jazz book to learn different Jazz tunes, styles and articulation. This club is open to grade 7 and 8 students upon Mrs. Galvao's approval. Instruments traditionally used in a Jazz band include (Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Vibraphone, Guitar, Bass, and Drums). Students playing non traditional Jazz band instruments may be considered if sufficient interest and commitment is shown.

Vocal Ensemble/Choir Club

Course/Club Description: Vocal Ensemble/Choir Club meets once a week during lunch activity time. This club is open to all ROMS students no musical background required. Students will learn how to sing a variety of different styles. Students will learn basic music theory and history.