

# Holmes Middle School Band Program

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## OPEN ENROLLMENT HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The Holmes Middle School Band is the fastest growing program at HMS. Here are some facts about the Holmes Middle School Band:

- The HMS Band tripled in size from the 2014-16 school year.
- The HMS Band performed concerts for the school and community.
- The HMS Band earned Proficient and Distinguished Ratings at the Northern Kentucky Concert Band Festival.
- HMS Band students have some of the highest grades, best attendance, least discipline issues and are some of the most active student leaders at Holmes Middle School.

The Holmes Middle School Band is also a class where students have fun while learning. Here are social opportunities the Band offers:

- Band students meet and work with students from every neighborhood in Covington.
- Students who have a hard time fitting in, find a safe place to fit in the HMS Band.
- Band students always make friends with other students while learning music together.
- Many band students make best friends for life in band class.
- Band students learn teamwork with new friends in band class.
- Band students have the opportunity to travel and perform music together.
- The HMS Band celebrates success; sometimes with pizza parties or other fun activities.

The Holmes Middle School Band Program is supported by the Covington Independent Schools District. Here are some things about band membership all students need to know:

- No experience necessary; students will learn everything in class.
- There is **NO CHARGE** for using a school-owned instrument.
- **Music** books, sheet music and music **supplies are provided** as needed.
- Band students get to try out instruments to find the best instrument for that student.
- Band class meets during the day so band students CAN participate in sports and other afterschool activities.
- All band students **learn to read** music, **write** music, **play** an instrument, and **perform** on stage.
- Band is a year-long commitment. Students are NOT allowed to quit any time they want.
- All performances are mandatory, even after school hours. If you miss performances, you will fail band.

**How do students get signed up to join the HMS Band? Turn over this letter and find out.**

PARENTS PLEASE FILL OUT THE TOP OF THIS FORM, STUDENTS FILL OUT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM. RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, OR SEND TO:

HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

2500 Madison Ave  
Covington, KY 41014

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary school attended: (circle one)      *John G. Carlisle*      *Glen O. Swing*  
*Latonia*      *Ninth District*      *Sixth District*      *Other: \_\_\_\_\_*

Who is your homeroom teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have musical people in your family? *YES / NO*      Do you sing in church? *YES / NO*

When you hear music, do you move, sing along or tap with the music? *YES / NO*

Do you already play a musical instrument? *YES / NO*      What instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the band instruments that you can identify 100% of the time.

*flute*      *clarinet*      *saxophone*      *trumpet*  
*French horn*      *trombone*      *baritone*      *tuba*  
*xylophone*      *snare drum*      *bass drum*      *cymbals*

If you had to choose today, what instrument would you pick to learn to play?

1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

*OR...* Would you like to try the different instruments before you decide? *YES / NO*

Circle the places you would like to perform in band.

*At elementary school*      *School Board Mtg.*      *NKU*  
*HHS Auditorium*      *Kings Island*