## See What These Students Have To Say About BAND!


"BAND LETS ME EXPRESS MYSELF CREATIVELY"

DENNIS-HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

## "BAND ROCKS"

SHANNON-HIGHSCHOOLBAND STUDENT
"I'M IN BAND BECAUSE I LIKE MUSIC"

BEN-7TH GRADE BAND STUDENT
"BAND IS A GOOD WAY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF"

BRITTNEY-8TH GRADE BAND STUDENT
"I WANTED TO LEARN TO PLAY TRUMPET"

DENNIS-7TH GRADE BAND STUDENT

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"I'M IN BAND BECAUSE IT IS
VERY COOL AND ONE DAY GET MY -
SELF A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP"
    EMILY-HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENT
"IT'S A FUN EDUCATIONAL EX-
PERIENCE"
    ESTEBAN-8TH GRADE BAND STUDENT
"BAND IS LOTS OF FUN"
8 TH GRADE BAND STUDENT
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## Frank Berry Middle School

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## $Q$ and $A$ about BAND at Berry MS

Do I have to know anything about music to join band? Most students who start band have little or no prior musical training. We start them from "scratch" in all phases. Those students with former training will find it an aid in their advancement.

Who will be in the band? Your friends and fel low classmates will join you in what will be some of the most exciting times of your school days. Many of our band students are among the leaders in aca~ demic achievement, school spirit, and club activi~ ties.

What are the advantages of being in the Band? The most obvious is learning to play an instrument for your own pleasure. Other advantages include: Concerts, Contests, Trips, Parties, Six Flags and the opportunity to join the John Horn Jaguar Band.
What instruments do I have to choose from and how do I choose? In the Spring, we will host a Band Fair at John Horn High School. This will be an opportunity for your child to try out many dif~ ferent instruments and select one best suited to them.

In Middle School, Beginning Band students are divided into classes which include:

Woodwinds: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe and Bassoon

Brass: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone and Tuba

Percussion: Snare Drum, Bells, Xylophone, Tim~ pani, Bass Drum \& Cymbals
www.jaguarband.com/berryms.htm

## What do you want to play?



Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, baritone, Tuba, Percussion

What does the band director look for in helping me select an instrument? We look for a good attitude, a desire to be in the Band, and a willingness to work and to have fun! We also look at teeth and mouth formation, finger coordination and the Band's instru mentation needs.

How do I get an instrument? At band night, we will give you all the information you will need to purchase an instrument from a local music dealer. Most parents rent an instrument with an option to buy at a later date.

Are used instruments acceptable in the Band? Some are. If you wish to purchase or otherwise obtain a used instrument for your child, please let us help you evaluate it before you invest. An inferior quality instru ment will only handicap your child and could possibly cost you more in repairs than the instrument is worth.

Are there any school instruments available? Some of the large and more expensive instruments are provided by the school such as Tubas, Bassoons, Oboes, Baritones, and French Horns. These instruments are owned by Mesquite ISD and are available for use. Stu~ dents that play these instruments are required to purchase mouthpieces, reeds, and care kits.

For more information on the different instruments go to
www.jaguarband.com/berryms.htm

## An Education In Music Is An Education For Life! <br> Music education is much more than a diversion for an hour. Well organized, sustained music study gives a student intellectual and creative advantages that will last a lifetime.

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12 important skills your child
learns by studying music...
    Self-confidence
    Co-ordination
    Teamwork
    Comprehension
    Problem Solving
    Discipline
    Arts Appreciation
    Reasoning Logically
    Communicating
    Conceptualizing
    Value Judgments
    Using Symbols
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Come be a part of all of the fun!


