

**Wakefield Middle School Band
invites and welcomes you to:**

**BE
PART OF
THE MUSIC**

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." - Plato



Dear Students,

Have you ever wanted to learn to play a band instrument?

Wakefield Middle School's band program offer students the opportunity to learn and perfect their musical craft. We have multiple performances per year in all ensembles. Our musicians are the face of community outreach at Wakefield Middle School and involve not only the highest academic achieving students but also the most well-rounded leaders of our school community.

Students involved in music:

- Get higher grades
- Score higher in math
- Have higher test scores
- Have higher graduation rates
- Do better with foreign languages

Benefits of Music Education:

- Make new friends and become part of a community!
- Learn to read music and play an instrument - an activity that is a lifelong pursuit!
- Many national studies have proven that instrumental music helps increase students' math and reading scores!
- Playing in an ensemble helps develop life skills like teamwork, self-discipline, and responsibility!
- A great opportunity for social-emotional learning and development!
- Be creative and express yourself!
- Having FUN together during the school day learning to find the joy in hard work and collaboration!

To learn more about our programs, you can visit our website or shoot Mr. K an email! We can't wait to hear from you!

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Not going to Wakefield Middle School? Contact your music teachers at your middle school to see how you can be in band!

<http://www.wakecountybands.com/middle-schools.html>

“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.”
-Albert Einstein

EMOTIONAL
Music provides a creative outlet and a break from the routine and rigor of the traditional school day. Students in music are among the highest academic performers and still report less stress and tension than their non-musical counterparts.

SOCIAL
Participating in musical groups promotes self confidence, team work, social skills, social networking, a sense of belonging, self-discipline, a sense of accomplishment, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, mutual support, and friendships.

ACADEMIC
Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas including language development, spatial-temporal skills, pattern recognition, critical thinking, and so much more.

PERSONAL
Through music, students become better people, as they develop self-discipline, confidence, commitment, responsibility, good decision making, and personal pride. They are able to do this with the support of peers in a safe and risk-free environment.

MUSIC HELPS TO ENSURE LIFE-LONG SUCCESS

- 70%** Admissions officers at 70% of the nation's major universities have stated that high school credit and achievement in the arts are significant considerations for admission to their institutions.
- 30** The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.
- 66%** Lewis Thomas, physician and biologist, found that music majors comprise the highest percentage of accepted medical students (66%).
- 107** The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT.
- 92%** A 2000 Gallup Poll indicated that 92% percent of people who play an instrument say they were glad they learned to do so.
- Students who participate in music have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.
-H. Con. Res 206, U.S. Senate, June 2000