THE BASICS OF BAND



6th Grade is the best time to join band! The only beginning band, orchestra and chorus classes are offered in 6th grade. Virtually all students at Webb Bridge choose to join one of these groups, and 6th grade is the only time. Don't miss this opportunity to perform!

The band includes brass, woodwind & percussion instruments. The instruments in the band are very versatile and can be used in a wide variety of performance situations, including concert band, symphony orchestra, jazz band, chamber groups, rock bands, and many more! The instrument choices are: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, and Percussion (snare drum and bells). Later on, students are given the opportunity to try out for Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Euphonium (Baritone) and Tuba.

We will help you find the instrument that fits you best. The physical characteristics of each person's face, mouth and hands are unique. These unique features help determine which instruments will fit each individual person. When a student joins band, they are asked to provide three choices of instruments they would like to play. The directors will evaluate each student to determine which of these instruments is the best fit. By using this careful process, each student is guided to an instrument that they will be successful with for many years to come!

This individual evaluation only takes a minute or two and will be done during the first 2 weeks of school. We will also make available some appointments in the band room before school. The band directors have been doing this successfully for years, so we will have no problem pairing each student with their ideal instrument!

Previous musical experience is not necessary! Most band students start with absolutely no formal training playing a musical instrument. Band classes are taught in a way that students with no previous experience can become successful, while those few students that already play will be challenged and continue to make progress.

Band is a class on the student's schedule. Band is NOT an extracurricular activity. It is a class during school and will follow whatever class schedule the school is currently following.

The Webb Bridge Band is awesome! The Webb Bridge Band regularly receives awards on the local, state and even national level! Recently our 8th Grade Symphonic Band performed as an invited ensemble at two very prestigious concert band festivals! The Webb Bridge Band has performed in Orlando, Florida with the Universal Stars program and our 6th Grade Band has regularly received superior ratings at the Trills & Thrills Concert Band Festival!

Webb Bridge Band students go on to become members of the Alpharetta High School Band. Middle school band is just the beginning of a very rewarding and exciting activity that many students continue for their entire lives! At the high school level, Alpharetta has an outstanding band program, that competes and performs on the national and international level.