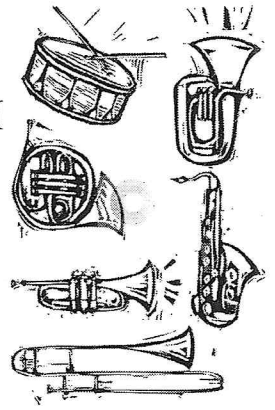


## WALTHER GRADE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET: 2013-2014



- WHAT:** Private (15 minute) or small group (25-35 minutes) instrumental lessons.
- WHEN:** During the school day at your child's school.
- WHO:** Students in Grades 4-8.
- COST:** \$295.00 per semester (billed by your school). There are two semesters per school year; 14 lessons per semester. Students who participated in *Jumpstart!* will receive 10% off their first semester bill. Books are an additional fee (approximately \$10). **You will be billed by your grade school, according to its billing policy; please do not write any checks directly to Walther.**
- HOW TO OBTAIN AN INSTRUMENT:** Instruments can be rented at an area music store or may be obtained free of charge through the Walther Lutheran High School Instrument Bank. Luscombe Music will be on hand at the beginner parent meeting to discuss instrumental rental options.
- INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT:** Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon  
Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba  
Percussion (snare drum, bass drum, bells, etc.)
- BEGINNERS:** New students receive a four week beginner class before they choose an instrument. This class consists of trying out the various band instruments and instruction in the basics of rhythm and note reading. The fee for this first semester is split -- \$100 for the beginner class and then \$195.00 for the remainder of the semester.) **STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE BEGINNER CLASS ARE NOT OBLIGATED IN ANY WAY TO CONTINUE WITH INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, AND WILL ONLY BE CHARGED THE \$100 BEGINNER FEE.**
- RETURNING STUDENTS:** Receive lessons in school once per week. Students who participated in this summer's *Jumpstart!* Beginner Band Camp are considered "Returning Students". Please refer to the attached billing procedure explanation as provided by your school. **Note: If your child is a returning student considering another instrument, he/she may take the beginner class under the same conditions and fee structure as stated above in "BEGINNERS".**
- RELATED ACTIVITIES:** Small ensemble/Concert band rehearsals at your school  
Regional Concert Bands  
Walther Grade School Monday Night Bands for intermediate and advanced students  
Biennial Instrumental Festival at Walther High School
- ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Students are required to attend all scheduled performances and rehearsals. Planned absences must be notified in writing no later than one month in advance of performances and 24 hours in advance of rehearsals. On the third unexcused absence the student will not be allowed to participate in the concert for that semester. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in ineligibility to participate in performances for that group the following semester.
- EXITING THE PROGRAM:** Students may discontinue lessons at the conclusion of each semester. To exit the program, request an EXIT FORM from your instructor. Clearly state all reasons for discontinuing lessons, and return it to your school. **If you decide to leave midterm, you will still be billed the entire fee for that semester.**
- ENROLLMENT:** To enroll your child in lessons, just fill out the attached sheet (**read it carefully**) and return it to your school office.

