



*Seabrook Band*

SEABROOK INTERMEDIATE

5th Grade Parent  
Virtual Q&A Meeting

# Welcome to the Seabook Band Program!

- Band Directors: Austin Tran & Matthew McCoy
- Our high schools are made up of Clear Falls HS, Clear Lake HS, and Clear Creek HS
- Extended staff is made up of private lesson teachers
- We're glad you're here!

# Seabrook Band is a Family

- We want your child to have a place where they really belong. Their second home is the band hall!
- They are welcome to come to band hall anytime before school, during lunch, and after school.
- On the first day of school, they're walking into a welcoming environment.
- Parents are joining band too!

# What if my child knows nothing about music?

That is OK!!!

We start teaching music from “scratch”.

No prior musical knowledge is expected or necessary.

# What activities do beginners typically do outside of school?

- Holiday Concert
- Spring Concert
- Optional Solo Contest
- Private lessons are important if you can manage

# Tentative Social Events

- Main Event
- Seabrook Band Lock-in
- Rock-A-Thon
- Pool party in May

# How do you do sports and band?

- The band directors and coaches work together and this happens more in 7th grade
- Coaches and band directors want kids to have the freedom to do **BOTH** sports and band.

# What activities do more advanced students do?

- Pep Rallies
- Perform at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade football game
- Region Band Auditions
- “Winter Tour” to Elementary Schools
- Concerts for Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Ensemble Concert
- UIL Contest
- Solo Contest

**Band gets more exciting the longer you are in it!**



# Building Success

- The key to success is **PRACTICE**. “What you give is what you get!”  
20 minutes of practice 6 days a week
- **BRACES** should not affect which instrument your child should play - there will be an adjustment period, it is temporary
- Our goal is not to produce professional players; instead, we want to produce students who will have a life-long appreciation of music

# Band Booster Club

- Parent support is vital
- Want to volunteer and assist the directors?  
We need you!
- Create lifelong friendships with families
- Help purchase instruments, repairs, and scholarships, and lower cost of events

# What instruments do beginners have to choose from?

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba

\*\*\*Percussion - limited class of 7-8 by audition

\*\*\*Oboe & Bassoon - need 2 of each

# How does my child choose an instrument?

- Choose a time for Saturday on the sign-up genius
- Allow for about 20 minutes
- Have an idea of what you'd like to play, but also have an open mind to explore
- Sometimes the best instrument is something you didn't even know anything about
- Let us know about special concerns – dyslexia, health issues, academics, and conduct
- Listen for what comes naturally and feels easy
- The instrument will “choose” your child

# What if my child wants to play percussion?

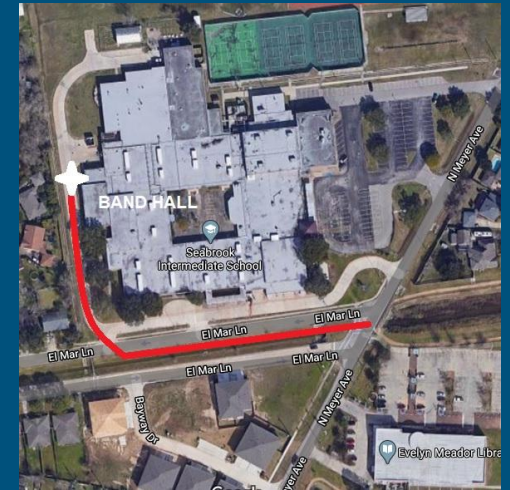
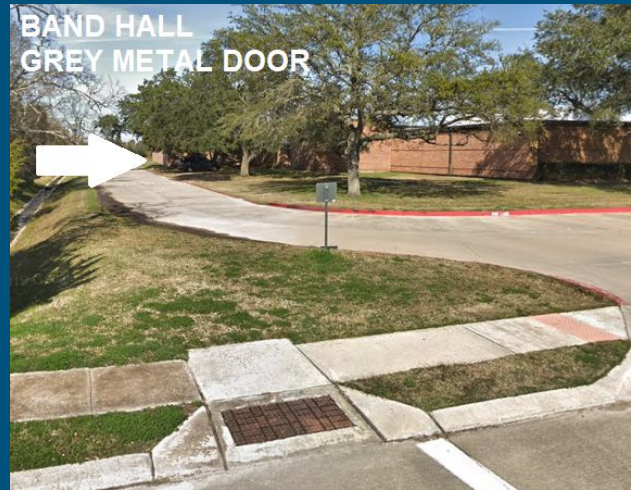
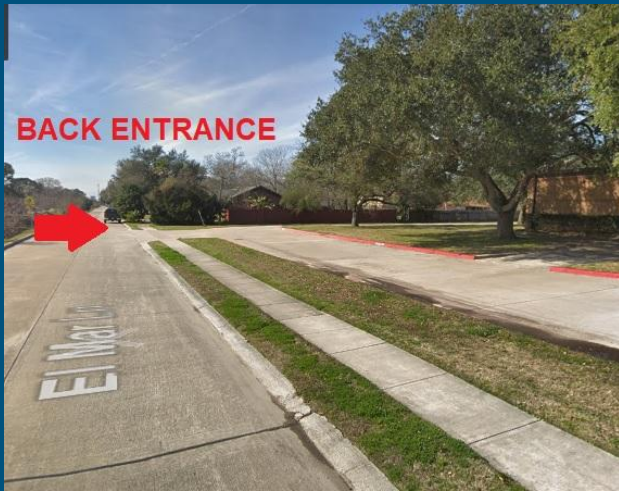
- Thursday, March 21st
- You can sign up at the end of this meeting: there are 2 times to choose from 5:00 PM or 5:45 PM
- We test natural pulse and ability. No Prior experience needed.
- Percussion is over a dozen instruments. Percussionists will spend 50% of their time playing keyboards and 50% on snare.
- **Private lessons are extremely important**

# How to Enter the Building For Saturday



Enter through the right entrance by the brick wall and walk straight down the hallway towards the very back

# How to Enter the Building For Percussion Try-Outs



Drive down the left side of the school on El Mar St and turn into the last entrance. The Band Hall back entrance is the grey metal door just before the cargo bay door and dumpster.

# How do I get the instrument once we've chosen one?

- Rent or purchase from a reputable music store
- Oboe, Bassoon, Tuba, Euphonium, French Horns are checked out from SIS
- If finances are an obstacle, let us know so that we can help to find a solution
- It's important to have a quality instrument - brand matters in this aspect.
- A used instrument of a good brand is better than a new instrument from Amazon



# What if I already have an instrument?

- If you have an instrument at home, please bring it to the band drive so that the band director can let you know if it will work.
- We also want to make sure it's a fit for your child's physical features

# Does my child switch instruments every year?

- **NO.** The point of doing the selection/ fitting is finding the perfect fit for your child.
- We switch only if the child is not developing properly on his/her instrument.

# Private Lessons

- We hire the best private instructors we can find
- Lessons happen before school, during band class, and after school
- Private Lessons are highly encouraged
- Required for percussion, oboe, and bassoon

# Percussion Audition

## Thursday

- Percussion is the most popular instrument but require the most responsible students
- Students are required to take private lessons
- Students are responsible for thousands of dollars of instruments
- Only 7-8 percussionist are selected every year

Audition 1 - 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Audition 2 - 5:45pm - 6:15pm

# Brass & Woodwind Selections Saturday

- Students will work 1-on-1 with a band director on 2-3 different instruments to see which one will work best
- Sign up for one 20 min time slot between 9am - 3pm
- [www.SeabrookBand.org](http://www.SeabrookBand.org)

SIGN UP WILL BE ON THE  
BAND WEBSITE AT 8PM

# General Questions

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