

## Benefits of Instrumental Music Study

During the 2006 SAT's, students who reported studying music scored on average 43 points higher on the math portion and 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT than students who had not studied music.- The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors National Report for 2006

Children with music training had significantly better verbal memory than those without such training, and the longer the training, the better the verbal memory.- (2003) Neuropsychology, 12, 439-450

Secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs). – Texas Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Report.



## Upcoming Band Dates

**Thursday, March 16th**– Rising Sixth Grade Open House at Bradley Middle School 6:00 pm

**Monday, March 27th**- Rising Sixth Grade Band Instrument Selection Night- 4:30– 7:00 PM in the Bradley Middle School Band Room

**Saturday, April 1st**- Rising Sixth Grade Band Instrument Selection 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM in the Bradley Middle School Band Room

**Monday, May 8th**- Bradley Bands Spring Concert– 7:00 PM (Gym)

**Thursday, May 18th**- Rising Sixth Grade Band Parent Orientation– 6:30 PM in Bradley Band Room



**Join Us!  
Come Feel the  
Excitement!!!!**

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A Tradition of  
Excellence

**The Bands of  
Bradley Middle  
School**



**A Beginners Guide  
to Joining the  
Bradley Bands**

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Director of Bands**

## 6th Grade Beginning Band

Welcome to the Bradley Middle School Bands. This brochure provides you with some basic information about joining this dynamic group and beginning your study of instrumental music. You will also find contact information and websites which can provide you with additional information.

By joining the middle school band, you will not only begin to learn how to perform on a musical instrument, but you will also learn such concepts as teamwork, self motivation, self discipline, and social skills that will be useful in all facets of life.



Students joining the sixth grade band may begin their musical study on flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone. After at least one semester of study, students may apply to move to percussion (drums) or a specialty instrument. Flute and clarinet players may apply for the saxophone, bass clarinet, oboe or bassoon. Trumpet and trombone players may apply for the French horn, baritone or tuba. All instruments have a limited number of openings, and the band director will determine which instrument will best suit each child based on musical and rhythmic strengths, interests and physical characteristics.

**Register for Email Updates at:**  
[www.bradleymband.weebly.com](http://www.bradleymband.weebly.com)

## Band Instrument Selection Process

The process of choosing an instrument will begin on instrument selection night. During instrument selection night, students will have the opportunity to see, hold and play each of the four beginning band instruments. They will also take part in music aptitude testing that will help determine which instrument is best suited for each individual student. Please remember that each instrument has a limited number of spaces available.

Once an instrument assignment has been made by the band director, students will receive a packet of information which will include instrument information and an Instrumental Music Study Permission Form. All paperwork must be returned to the band director in order to secure a spot in the band.

## 2016 Band Instrument Selection

**MONDAY, MARCH 27th from 4:30– 7:00**

**OR**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1st from 10:00am– Noon**

## More Information Can Be Found At:

### CMS Performing Arts Page

<http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/performingarts/>

### Bradley Band Webpage

[www.bradleymband.weebly.com](http://www.bradleymband.weebly.com)

### Bradley Band Boosters on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/groups/bradleybandboosters](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bradleybandboosters)



## Additional Band Opportunities

### Marching Band

Bradley Middle School is one of a very few middle schools in the state that has an active Marching Band. We march each year in the Davidson Christmas Parade and perform a halftime show at a Bradley Football game. This is always a high point of the fall and winter band season.

### Student Conducting

Students wanting to learn more about the band music have the opportunity to take part in student conductor training. This training will prepare students to conduct the band during rehearsals and on substitute teacher days. Training sessions take place after school hours.

### Jazz Band

Jazz Band is open to all seventh and eighth grade band students at Bradley Middle School. Students will learn to play in Blues, Big Band, BeBop, and Rock styles. The Jazz Band performs at many school and extra-curricular functions. Enrollment in a grade level band is required in order to register for this class. Jazz Band meets outside of the normal school day.



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