

*** Check out our 5th/6th grade band website, which is full of great info: mrhsbandroom.weebly.com ***

*** Other than two concerts per year, there are no required after school rehearsals. Practicing at home is the only after school time commitment***

Dear 5th grade parents/guardians,

Hello! Your child has the wonderful opportunity this year to become a member of the Southmoreland band program! We have a great time learning how to play our instruments and making music together in class. Your child will gain important skills such as self-discipline, self-confidence, time management, patience, and teamwork, among numerous other skills important in life. Many studies have shown that learning to play an instrument helps your brain develop in ways nothing else can as well as improving scores in math, language arts, and other courses.



*****We will be hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 6pm to go over the details of how to get an instrument and to let your child try several instruments to see what the best fit is for them. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can find out tons of information on my band website: mrhsbandroom.weebly.com, or just Google 'Mr. H's Band Room'.**

Most parents choose to rent an instrument, but if you already have access to an instrument, great! I'd be glad to look it over to be sure it is still in good playing condition. If you would like, I can help you find a good new or used instrument (***please do NOT buy an instrument until we have talked, as there are MANY poor quality instruments out there that will not last and be a waste of your money***), or again, you can rent an instrument at a very reasonable price from one of 3 local music stores.

Please consider this exciting opportunity that your child has before them. My wife, I, and my two children played in band our entire school career (my son is now a music teacher in Somerset County), and I can honestly say that the band experience has made our lives much richer. If your child is interested in joining the band, please fill out the form below (or simply email me the information requested below) and return to SES by September 14th, if possible. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at heniginj@southmoreland.net or via phone at SES or SMS. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 14th at 6pm!

Best,
Jim Henigin (Mr. H)

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My child is interested in joining the Southmoreland 5th grade band.

Student name:

Instrument(s) I'm interested in: (please circle **Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, or Percussion** *(percussion students must pass a rhythm readiness test and will need to learn the bells and drums)*):

If your child is having trouble deciding which instrument to play, check out the main page of the band website (mrhsbandroom.weebly.com) for a link to help you decide!

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Homeroom Teacher: