

Welcome to Hill Country Middle School. The next three years will be an exciting time in your child's life, and we know that you will enjoy your middle school experience at Hill Country!

As a 6th grader, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to become a member of the Hill Country Band program. The Hill Country Band is recognized as one of the finest middle school band programs in the nation. In 1998 the Hill Country Symphonic Band performed at the prestigious Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL, and in January 2003 former Hill Country Band students marched with the Westlake Chap Band in the Tournament of Roses Parade. In addition, all 3 Westlake High School bands performed in New York's Carnegie Hall in March 2005. The symphonic band returned to Midwest in 2006, in 2012 traveled to Indianapolis, IN to perform in the Music for All Concert Band Festival, and in 2014 the group travelled to Seattle, WA to perform at the Western International Band Clinic.

Beginning Band students at Hill Country participate in a yearlong program that emphasizes a mastery of instrumental fundamentals, basic musicianship skills, and performance skills!

Students interested in beginning band are able to choose from a wide variety of instrument options. The following choices are available:

FLUTE	ALTO SAXOPHONE	TROMBONE
OBOE	TRUMPET	BARITONE / EUPHONIUM
BASSOON	FRENCH HORN	PERCUSSION

*students who wish to play the tuba should initially choose "baritone" for their instrument.

Informational Meeting:

February 22. WHS band Hall – 7:00pm. This meeting is intended for parents and incoming 6th grade students. Parents will receive more specific information concerning instrument selection and sign up for instrument interview times. To aid students in selecting their instrument, Westlake High School Band students will provide instrument demonstrations.

Instrument Interviews:

March 25. WHS Band Hall - At this meeting, students will be assisted by Eanes ISD band staff in choosing an instrument. Our goal is to find the instrument on which your child will be the most successful!

**HCMS interviews will be scheduled in one-hour time slots. Sign-ups for these time slots are first come, first served. Sign-ups will take place at the General Information Meeting on Feb 22. Hill Country Middle School*

Cheryl Floyd brings 28 years of teaching experience to the classroom. She teaches beginning flute, double reed, clarinet, and saxophone. She is also the conductor of the HCMS Symphonic Band.

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