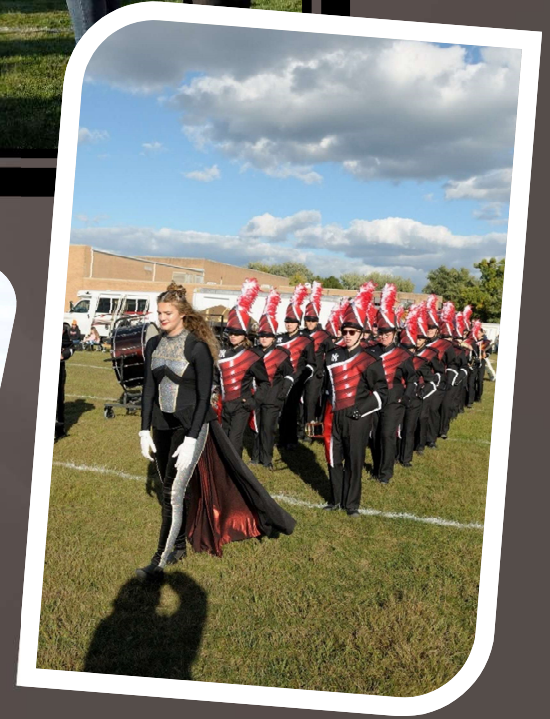


Welcome!!



Why Band?

- ❖ Participating in band encourages teamwork, cooperation, camaraderie, and accountability
- ❖ Band is Math, Reading, Science, and Foreign Language rolled into one
- ❖ Band and your brain: increased neuroplasticity leads to stronger cognitive skills, critical thinking skills, and problem solving skills

Newton Band Class

- ❖ Band is structured 2 days each week in homogenous settings (20 minute classes)
- ❖ Band is a **yearly** class like other electives: no dropping is permitted within the school year
- ❖ Students sign up in spring to participate the following school year
- ❖ No class or recess is missed.

Support from Home

- ▣ You can help your child succeed by:
- ▣ Provide a quiet place for practice with access to a computer/smart phone/tablet, etc
- ▣ Encourage regular practice in a positive manner (Yes, there will be some squawks, squeaks, honks, and hizzles!)
- ▣ Maintain a good-quality working instrument
- ▣ Private lessons are common and fun for students!

Skills needed to be a good band student

In order to be successful students must...

- 🎵 PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE (Perfect practice makes perfect performance)
- 🎵 Use SmartMusic
- 🎵 Be committed to practicing 60 minutes weekly
- 🎵 Keep their instrument in good condition

SmartMusic

- ❖ SmartMusic is an awesome tool for learning!
- ❖ It's free! (Thank you Mrs Davis!)
- ❖ Immediate feedback: notes & rhythms
- ❖ Fingerings displayed, notes sounded
- ❖ Songs can speed up and slow down
- ❖ Explore the website, there's lot available!

Instrument Families



Flute,
Clarinet,
Saxophone



Trumpet,
Trombone



Bells,
Snare
drum, Bass
drum,
Cymbals

- 🎵 Instruments are divided into three sections, each with specific attributes
- 🎵 Instrument families need to have a proper balance in order for the band to perform successfully
- 🎵 Just like a team

The Woodwind Family

- ▣ Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone: The woodwind family gets its name from the vibrations caused by either a) the reed or b) the air column
- ▣ Clarinets and saxophones use a reed which needs to be replaced every 3-4 weeks. A box of 10 reeds costs \$30 and will usually last an entire school year
- ▣ Woodwinds use many fingers so good dexterity is important to an aspiring woodwind player
- ▣ A note on reeds... Amazon is dangerous. If you need reeds, please order through Mr. T, Trojan City Music, or Rettig Music and not Amazon. It would be difficult to play on a Slade reed, when in fact it is eerily similar to a popsicle stick.

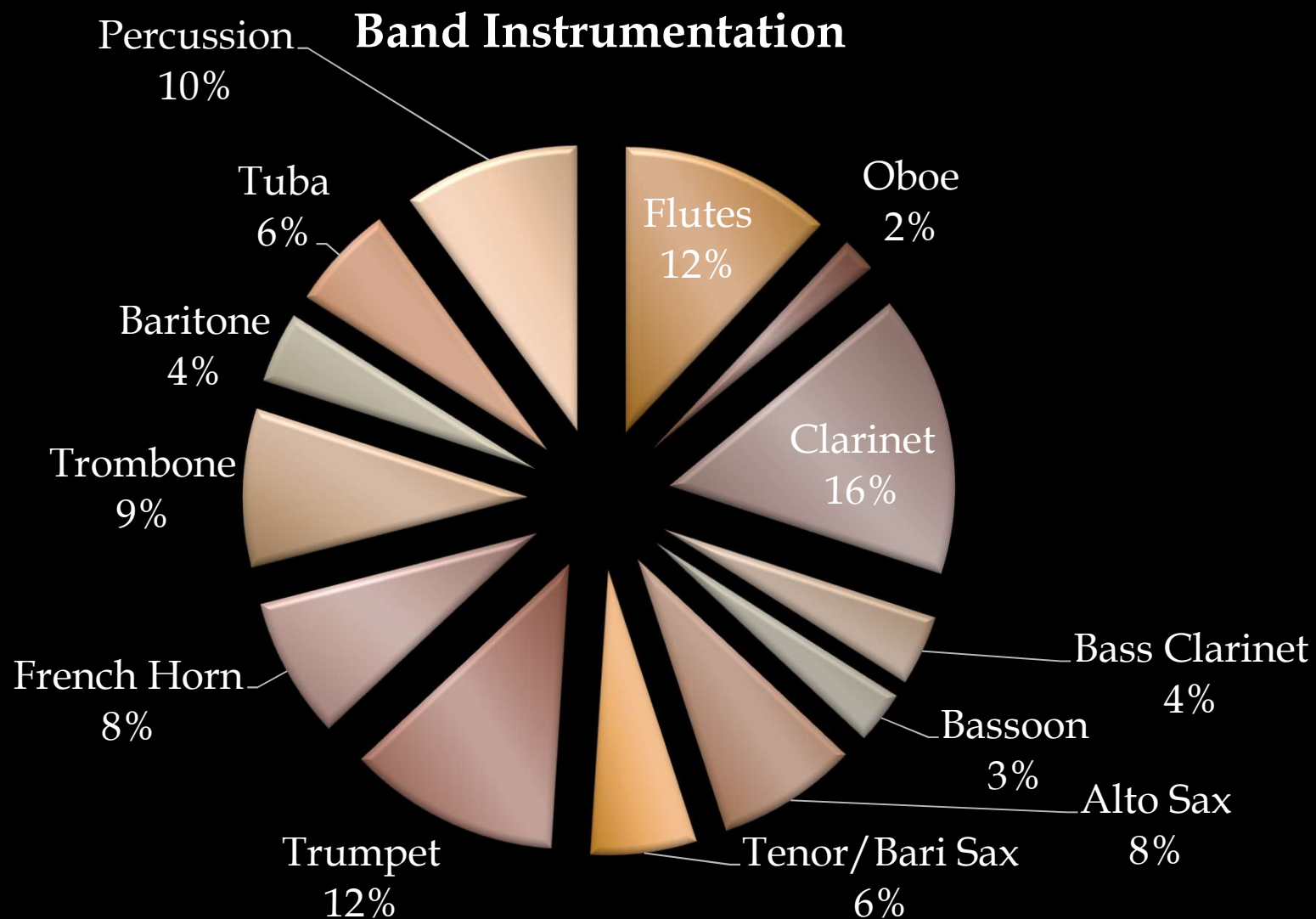
The Brass Family

- ▣ Trumpet, Trombone: The brass family is characterized by “buzzing” into a heavy cup (mouthpiece) and then the instrument amplifies the sound
- ▣ Good control of facial muscles and listening skills are important to an aspiring brass player, since it is changes in the lips and cheeks that change the pitch

Band Instrumentation

- To maximize the successful experience, there are needs for certain division of instruments.

The “Perfect” Team



School-owned instruments

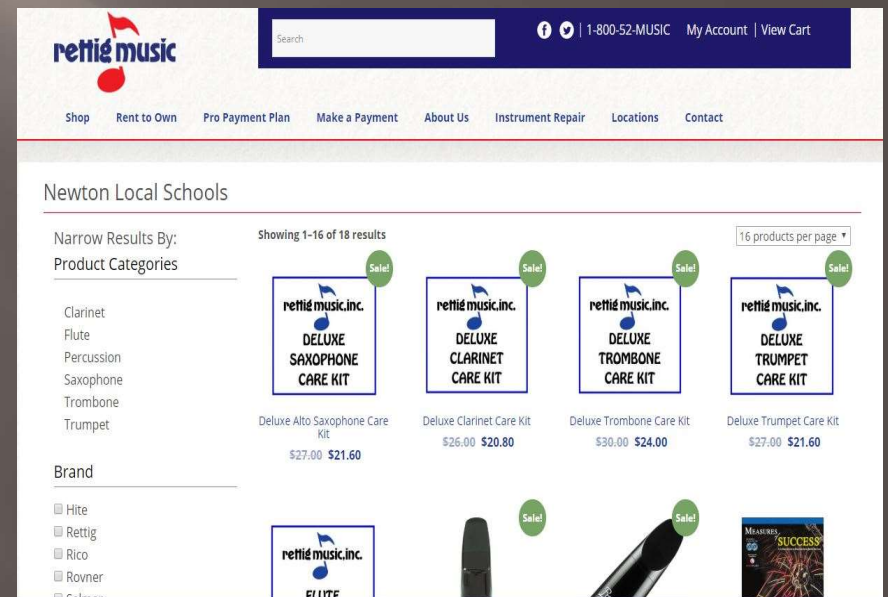
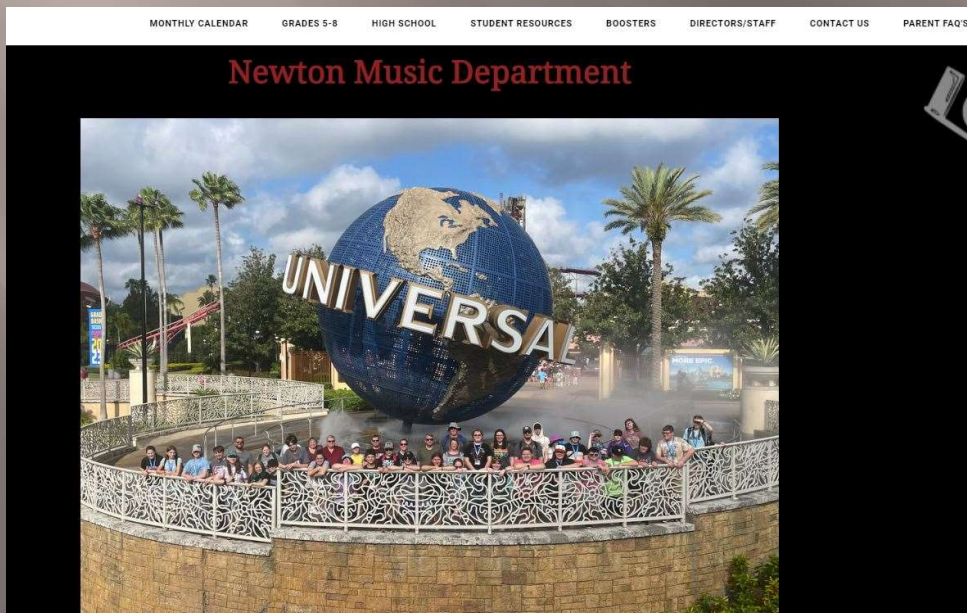
- ▣ Students selected in 6th grade for bassoon, bass clarinet, baritone sax, french horn, baritone and tuba will be provided instruments by the school
- ▣ There are very limited numbers of these instruments
- ▣ Students are expected to maintain the instruments and are responsible for damage, dents, and dings due to lack of proper care

HOW DO I GET AN INSTRUMENT?

- Rent (to own) through Rettig
- Purchase used: Trojan City Music, Rettig Music, classifieds, Facebook marketplace, friend or family
- If using a prior-owned instrument, it needs to be deemed “playing condition” by a music store (pads, corks, slides, etc)
- Be smart! If it’s brand new---at the same cost as most used---it’s probably not of acceptable quality
 - Get me involved! I’m happy to help!
- **Books:** Send in \$11 (cash or checks to *Newton Music*) or order on Amazon (Sound Innovations)
- Books can be provided with instrument rentals through Rettig

Resources

- ▣ Band website:
 - ▣ www.newtonmusic.org
 - ▣ Calendar, basic info
- ▣ Facebook: @NewtonOHmusic
- ▣ Rettigmusic.com: Shop by School



Questions?

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