



# Pearl Pirate Band

PEARL HIGH SCHOOL  
500 Pirate Cove | Pearl, Mississippi 39208

## Pearl Junior High School Band FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. When does band meet?

Each sixth grade beginning band class will meet daily during the school day as a regularly scheduled class, as will all other academic classes.

### 2. Will there be any after school rehearsals?

There are no after school rehearsals for 6<sup>th</sup> grade band.

### 3. Will the 6th grade beginner band perform any concerts?

Yes, the beginner band will perform two evening concerts, one at the end of each semester. Every band student is required to participate in both of these concerts. The dates for both concerts will be scheduled at the very beginning of the school year. Any performance dates will be published months in advance.

### 5. Does band conflict with participating in athletics, cheerleading or other school activities?

NO! Most of our band students participate in many other extra-curricular things. There is not a conflict of classes. Band meets during the school day and is curricular. We work closely with the coaches and sponsors to avoid any conflicts of schedule.

### 6. Are there homework assignments for band?

For normal progress, all beginning band students are required to practice at home for at least 20 minutes, five days a week. We strongly encourage equally distributed practice time throughout each week in order to promote musical success. It is VERY important that good practice habits are developed early!

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## 7. How do I get an instrument for my child?

We are holding an instrument meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 PM where Mississippi Music will offer information on a lease/purchase instrument plan. **If there's any chance you'll lease-purchase an instrument from them, please bring a down payment.** The information regarding a down-payment is attached. Mississippi Music will help arrange the purchase **of your child's** instrument that evening. Band is affordable to many because of the flexible rental/purchase plans available. You are not required to close a deal with the representative that night. It is **important, however, that you make arrangements as soon as possible for your child's instrument and maintenance kit.** This will insure that your child will have an instrument when school starts in August. Feel free to take a contract home and discuss it. If you choose to complete a contract that night, you will be assured that an instrument has been ordered and will arrive for your child the first day of school. All instruments and maintenance kits will be delivered to Pearl Junior High School during the summer, in an effort to keep anxious students from attempting to assemble their instrument before they have been taught! This prevents any mishaps before the student has a chance to play his or her instrument. The Band directors will then be able to properly put instruments through an inventory system before school begins and instruct students in the proper assembly of their instrument.

## 8. Are there other fees associated with band besides the purchase of an instrument?

Yes, each year all band students are assessed a band fee. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members with personal instruments must pay a fee of \$25 per semester / \$50 per year. School-owned instrument students must pay a fee of \$60 per semester / \$120 per year. This covers a band book, and t-shirt. It also helps out with normal operational expenses of the band. School-owned instrument students fees cover the cost of maintenance on the instrument.

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## Obtaining An Instrument

1. What is the music store that represents the Pearl Band Program?

*Mississippi Music, 1001 Sara Lane, Flowood, Ms (601) 922-1200.* For your convenience, representatives from Mississippi Music are here to provide you with information for securing an instrument and maintenance kit. In addition to this, Mississippi Music:

- A. Comes to the junior high school regularly to service their customers.
- B. Offers maintenance service and repairs during the rental period
- C. Picks up instruments needing repair from the school and takes the instrument to the repair shop, and returns the instrument back to the school.
- D. Has its own professionally staffed, completely equipped repair shop
- E. Has no agreement with the school or with any band director other than the understanding that they will come to the school regularly to provide efficient service to their customers.
- F. Makes the instrument available to you on a rental-purchase agreement.

2. What are my purchasing options?

There are two options:

- a. The first option is a rental-purchase plan. Since most parents are unsure whether the student is committed to playing a musical instrument, they are reluctant to purchase one. The rental agreement allows you to rent an instrument with the base rental applying toward a purchase. If you are hesitant to make a commitment to the purchase of an instrument at this time, we highly recommend **that you rent. When you are confident of your child's success, you can purchase** the instrument.
- b. The second option is a cash purchase. Some parents are already confident of their **child's** success and would prefer to pay in full. For those who desire to purchase an instrument, it is less expensive to pay in full because there are no finance charges.

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### 3. Why should I enter into a rental-purchase agreement?

- a. The plan is designed to give your child the opportunity to begin in band with only a small initial investment.
- b. Your child can have the advantages of a brand new instrument. Students experience pride of ownership, freedom of error due to poor equipment, and the opportunity to be the best player he/she can be by having the best available instrument for their age level.
- c. The students have the instrument and mouthpiece recommended by the band director.
- d. The instrument can be returned to the music company at any time without further financial obligation.
- e. The instrument is covered by a maintenance agreement. Depending on the carefulness of the student, instruments need periodic maintenance and repair. The maintenance agreement would cover the full cost of these trips to the repair shop.

### 4. May I purchase an instrument from another music store?

Yes! You may purchase from another music store but PLEASE use extreme caution and consider the following:

- a. There are other brands of instruments available for less money; however, they may be of inferior quality of workmanship and materials. An inferior instrument very often insures that your child will NOT be successful in band. Always consult one of the band directors before purchasing an instrument that is not on the recommended list of instruments. Purchasing a quality instrument is vital to the success of your child in band. ALL INSTRUMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PEARL JR. HIGH BAND STAFF!
- b. The store you deal with may not have a reputable repair shop and may not be able to service the instrument competently and in a timely manner. Furthermore, this store will not be able to pick up and deliver back to the school an instrument that needs repair.

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5. May I purchase a used instrument?

Yes, but care must be taken not to purchase an instrument whose condition would be a stumbling block to your child. It is important to consult one of the band directors concerning the condition of the instrument before you buy it. You are encouraged to check with Mississippi Music concerning the availability of good used instruments. Their used instruments will have been run through their repair shop and will be guaranteed to be in good playing condition and in a good sanitary condition. If you decide to look for a used instrument, we would strongly urge you purchase the brand and model on our recommended list of instruments along with the recommended mouthpiece and maintenance kit for that instrument.

6. May I purchase an instrument over the internet or from a catalog?

Yes, but you must purchase the *brand and model of instrument* on our recommended list of instruments, along with the recommended mouthpiece and maintenance kit for that instrument. Many times, purchasing an instrument online or from a catalog will be less expensive; however, a cautionary note must be interjected. Please be aware that it is difficult to know the dependability of internet and catalog dealers. We have had some instances where these companies misrepresented themselves and the child suffered. While these companies may offer great prices—beware of the quality of the product and what, if any, service plan they offer.

**\*IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE  
TRUE THEN IT PROBABLY IS\***

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## 5. What happens when school starts?

When school starts, your child will go to their scheduled band period. The first week or so will be spent learning basics of reading music and rhythm. We will also be collecting fees for band supplies. Once we feel the students are ready, we will begin using their instruments daily. This is usually the second week of school. The Recommended List of Beginner Instruments is on the next page. Remember, if you do not buy from a full-service music store, please check with the band directors before purchasing.

Instruments purchased from Mississippi Music will come with the correct mouthpieces, etc; otherwise they must be purchased. If you purchase from MS Music, you DO NOT NEED to purchase these items separately:

If you are unable to reserve **your child's instrument at our** next meeting, then please visit Mississippi Music Company at their Flowood location early this summer (or other reputable Music dealer).

### **Please contact your child's band director if you have ANY questions or concerns:**

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## Pearl Jr. High (609) May 2nd, 2017

### Flute (40S)

<b>Yamaha YFL200AD</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>24 mo.</b>	<b>\$54.64</b>
Down Payment: \$50	Like New*	24 mo.	\$43.97
	Used*	24 mo.	\$35.93

### Clarinet (41S)

<b>Yamaha YCL200AD</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>24 mo.</b>	<b>\$57.28</b>
<i>Includes 5C mpc</i>	Like New*	24 mo.	\$46.55
Down Payment: \$50	Used*	24 mo.	\$38.62
Rovner Ligature: \$25			
<b>Total Due: \$75</b>			

### Alto Saxophone (42S)

<b>Yamaha YAS200AD</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>36 mo.</b>	<b>\$89.06</b>
<i>Includes 5C mpc</i>	Like New*	36 mo.	\$79.93
Down Payment: \$65	Used*	36 mo.	\$72.23
Rovner Ligature: \$30			
<b>Total Due: \$95</b>			

### Cornet (43S)

<b>Yamaha YCR2310</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>24 mo.</b>	<b>\$69.28</b>
Down Payment: \$50	Like New*	24 mo.	\$57.28
	Used*	24 mo.	\$49.29

### Trombone (45S)

<b>Yamaha YSL200AD</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>24 mo.</b>	<b>\$73.25</b>
<i>Includes Schilke 4551C4 mpc</i>	Like New*	24 mo.	\$62.57
Down Payment: \$50	Used*	24 mo.	\$53.50

### Percussion (47S)

<b>Yamaha SCK350</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>18 mo.</b>	<b>\$36.65</b>
Down Payment: \$50	Used*	18 mo.	\$29.81

Required Accessories Bundle: \$170

Includes SD1 "Hinge Sticks" (\$20), Invader Practice Pad (\$60), VFEP1 Mallet Bag (\$50), & DB30 Metronome (\$40)

**Total Due: \$220**

### Mouthpieces

Schilke French Horn 30:	\$55
Schilke 4551C4:	\$75
Bach Tuba 18:	\$95