

Private Lesson

Enrollment Information

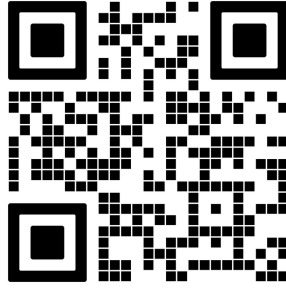
The Stewarts Creek Middle School Band Program is extremely fortunate to work with the highest quality individual private lessons instructors from across Middle Tennessee.

Our instructors are master musicians and teachers, with decades of experience in developing young musicians on their respective instruments.

- **Private Lessons Teachers are background checked and complete an interview process with the SCMS Band Directors.**
- **Private Lessons, which are scheduled by the Private Lessons Teacher, occur during your student's band class or directly after school.**
- **The rate for Private Lessons is \$25 per lesson and is paid by cash or check through the SCMS Private Lessons Account for the Band Program.**
- **Enrollment in Private Lessons is open to all grade levels and can take place at any time by completing the form on the SCMS Band Website.**
- **Enrollment in Private Lessons can be cancelled at any time with adequate notice given to both the Private Lessons Teacher and the Band Directors.**

The SCMS Private Lessons program is completely optional and not a requirement to participate in the SCMS Band Program.

Families with specific financial needs are encouraged to contact the band directors to discuss additional options.



A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring various musical instruments and notes. At the top, there are saxophones, trumpets, and a drum set. On the right side, a violin and a trumpet are visible. At the bottom, there are more saxophones, a keyboard instrument, and a drum set. The border is composed of black line drawings on a white background.

Why Private Lessons?

Private lessons teachers can give students the skills and abilities to succeed not only through music but through their entire school life by offering assistance and individual learning plans. Private Lessons Teachers improve confidence, improve practice habits, and can help students prepare for college by offering advanced musical material.

By receiving one-on-one attention from a private lessons teachers, students can ask all the questions they need to until they understand the musical and technical concepts before moving on. A struggling student may feel embarrassed to ask questions if it seems he or she is the only one not understanding. Private Lessons grant students the freedom to ask questions as needed without feeling embarrassed in front of classmates. Students won't feel rushed and will receive explanations of concepts that work with their way of learning.

Here are 8 reasons school band students should enroll in instrument private lessons:

1. A private lessons teacher will work one-to-one with your child. Private teachers can notice and correct minor technique issues and bad habits before they become a problem that is harder to correct. Once students get used to playing a certain way, they tend to continue that way. The longer it takes to notice a problem the more ingrained the habit becomes, and bad habits are hard to break.

2. Students advance at a faster rate and with more comprehension. This is due to the hands-on, individual attention they get. Group rehearsals are not the place to work on specific parts and the difficulties that go along with them. Individual practice time at home and time spent in instrument specific tutoring are the times for your child to work on getting their part perfected and improving their instrumental skills.

3. Working with a private lessons teacher can reduce or even eliminate the frustration of learning to play an instrument. Learning to play an instrument is a new and challenging experience for most students. The one-on-one time students get in instrument specific private lessons can make the difference between a frustrated student quitting band and a confident musician.

4. Together, the student and private lessons teacher can delve into the many aspects of music that can be overlooked in a large group setting. Developing artistic self-expression and generating a deeper understanding of music are best explored on an individual basis. This is also the best place to help the student set individual goals and find the path to achieving them. In a one-to-one setting, students can explore where their interest in music lies to help guide them on their educational and artistic path outside the classroom.

5. Students can be given in-depth, individual attention to help them navigate the specifics of their instrument. This can be done at a level that can't be done in the band room. It helps students to develop better technique and a more professional tone.

7. Preparation for solo performances and auditions is more effective. Although this is addressed once or twice a year in school bands and orchestras, a tutor can help students with the intricacies of their specific pieces and their own playing style.

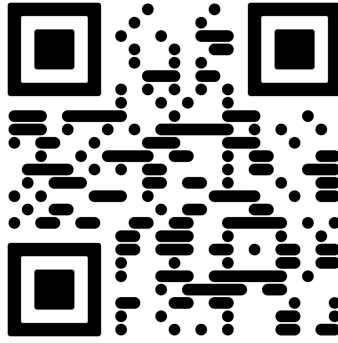
8. Students who enroll in private lessons are exposed to good role models. The band room is a community where students can get to know other students, some of whom will be older and better musicians. These more experienced students, along with their tutor, give younger students a view of what they can accomplish if they stick with the band program.

Financial Responsibilities

Supply Fee - \$80 - Paid through SchoolCash Online, Cash, or Check

- **Binder**
- **Page Protectors**
- **Band Method Book**
- **Flip Folder**
- **Instrument Lyre**
- **Performance T-Shirt**
- **Band Jacket with Embroidered First Initial & Last Name**

**You can register for SchoolCash Online by scanning
the QR Code**



Checks for Supply Fees should be made out to the "Stewarts Creek Middle School Band" with your student's name in the memo line.

Cash or Check should be sent in an envelope labeled with the student's name and handed to Mrs. Jerrell or Mr. Gilmore.

Financial Responsibilities

SCM Music Boosters

Fairshare Contribution - \$120 each semester - \$240 for the year

- **Feeding all students for every Football Game & Concert**
- **Transportation for Spring Events**
- **Membership to MTSBOA which allows students to participate in Mid-State Honor Bands & SEPA Events**
- **Purchase of Music Performed**
- **Purchase of New School-Owned Instruments**
- **Maintenance & Repair of School-Owned Instruments**
- **Student Awards**
- **Masterclasses & Sectional Experiences**
- **Guest Clinicians & Speakers**
- **All other band-related expenses**

Laundry Detergent Fundraiser

- **Selling 6 buckets of laundry detergent equals to \$120 of profit for the band program**
- **Sale in the Fall & Sale in the Spring**
- **Donation Option Available through the Fundraiser Form**

Donation Checks for Fairshare Contributions should be made to "SCM Music Boosters" with your student's name and "Fairshare" in the memo line.

The SCMS Band Program's general operating budget is typically between \$45,000-\$50,000 a year.

Rutherford County provides the band program with \$2500 a year.

In order to provide the level of experience that our students deserve, any and all financial contributions are appreciated.

Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the band directors. Students' ability to participate in the band program will never be effected by their families financial circumstances.

SCMS Band Registration

Please scan the QR code below to complete the 2023-2024 Stewarts Creek Middle School Band Registration Forms.

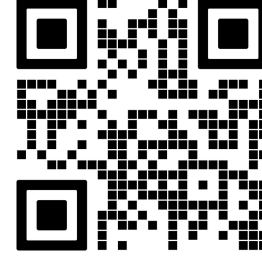


The information on these forms is only to accessible the Stewarts Creek Middle School Band Directors.

Calendar & Communication

Edlio Calendar

- **Subscribe at the bottom**
- **Linked on the SCMS Band Website**
- **Includes details for every band event**



Email - Monday Night Rundown - MNR

- **Sent every Monday night at 5pm**
- **Contains Links to the Calendar, Request for Excused Absence Form, and the Band Website**

Remind Text Messages

- **7th grade Band Remind**
 - **Text @6k9697 to 81010**
- **8th grade Band Remind**
 - **Text @9hdh3b to 81010**

Request for Excused Absence Form

- **Found on the SCMS Band Website & Linked at the bottom of every MNR**
- **Will receive a response within 24hrs from a band director**

Contact Information for the Band Directors

stewartscreekmiddleband@gmail.com

(615) 904-6700 ext. 30194

Grading Procedures

Classwork - 60%

Practice Reflections

- Due once a week (Thursday at 11:59pm)
- Found through Schoology
- Partial Credit Given

Assessment- 40%

Playing Tests/Assessments

- 3 per Quarter
- 2 through Schoology
- 1 In-Person with a Band Director
- Materials provided before handed
- Graded on a performance rubric similar to SEPA
- Assessments through Schoology are allowed one retake

Performances

- Students who have an excused absence from a performance will receive credit
- Students who have an unexcused absence from a performance will not receive credit

Student Resources

All student resources can be found on the band's website under the "Student Resources Tab"

- Practice Guide
- MakeMusic Cloud (SmartMusic)
- SightReading Factory
- JwPepper Reference Recordings

