



Greetings, incoming 6th Graders and Parents!

I am so SO excited to share with you our plan for beginning band this year. It is something that has NEVER been done at Pine River before, and I am sure it will be remembered for years to come as one of the coolest, most innovative things we've ever done!

AND it allows for musical performance, teaches all the skills necessary for young musicians, allows for easy transition to remote learning if necessary, and prepares them for the next step in their musical journey - when we switch to all the band instruments.

Are you ready? Here it is...drum roll please (pun definitely intended)...We are going to have a BUCKET BAND!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see an example of what I'm talking about.

The process is very simple. You get the drum kit, I'll get the buckets! *Students will also be learning keyboards (comes with the drum kit) - so there will be an added layer of greatness to just doing buckets/drums alone! This will also be the way I will teach them the melodic elements of note reading that they will need.*

We will be utilizing Marshall Music out of Traverse City (as normal) as our instrument provider. Their informational flyer is below.

1. Parents call Marshall Music at (231) 922-9503, tell them that your student is going to be joining the band at Pine River Middle School this year under Ms. Gardner. They will fill you in on all the details on their rental program and be able to set up your account/take initial payment right there. Once you've done that, they can drop ship the drum kit to your house in 2 business days! (Kits can also be delivered to Pine River). NO RENTAL MEETING/FITTING APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

HERE'S THE BEST THING - once you have rented the drum kit from Marshall, you are 'in their system'. All the money you pay toward the kit will be TRANSFERABLE toward a different instrument. THAT MEANS - when our conditions have changed, and it's time to switch to all the other instruments (flute, trumpet, etc.) all that money you have already invested in the drum kit transfers over (dollar for dollar) to the new instrument of your student's choice. All instruments are also covered by their extensive warranty against damages.

2. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to tell us here at Pine River if your student will be doing band or not OR if you need more information.

THAT'S IT!

Easy, peasey - and your student will be a part of the great tradition here at Pine River in the Band Department.

I hope you are as excited as I am! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to meeting you and your student very soon!

Musically Yours,
Ms. Gardner

p.s. Below is an image of what the drum kits look like and a list of what should be included in the event you may have access outside of Marshall Music. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Vic Firth Traveler Beginner Percussion Kit with Backpack:

- 2 1/2 Octave Bell Set
- 8" Tunable Practice pad
- Height Adjustable Stand
- SD1 Drum Sticks and Birch Bell Mallets
- Backpack style bag



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- **FREE** Exchanges
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BAND INSTRUMENTS	MONTHLY
Flute, Plastic Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone	\$32
Wood Clarinet	\$48
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French Horn	\$79+
Percussion	\$20+

Rental rates do not include Michigan sales tax.

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MAINTENANCE & PROTECTION

We've got you covered! All adjustments and repairs will be made to keep your instrument in proper playing condition. Cases are also included in this plan. If an instrument is stolen or damaged beyond repair, we will replace it with one of equal value. Only expendable items such as reeds, valve oil, and drumsticks are excluded. There is no charge for this service while you are renting your instrument.

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Complete our easy online rental form. Select your student's school district and building. Your director-approved instrument and accessories will be delivered. It's as easy as that!

LOCATIONS

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WEST BLOOMFIELD	(866) 288-2832	7479 Ruggerty Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48302
ALLEN PARK	(866) 538-7877	6299 Allen Rd., Allen Park, MI 48101
TROY	(866) 288-2831	4832 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48065
GRAND RAPIDS	(866) 242-4785	4555 Wilson Ave. SW, Suite 1, Grandville, MI 49438
KALAMAZOO	(866) 365-8964	951 Mott Dr., Portage, MI 49824
TRAVLER CITY	(866) 394-0619	1197 S. Airport Rd. N, Traverse City, MI 49686



