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# Welcome to Smart Music!

## What is Smart Music?

SmartMusic is computer software with the power to transform music learning. Students can play with professional accompaniments, making practice both rewarding and fun. A subscription to SmartMusic gives students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of music from the world's largest accompaniment library featuring thousands of titles for band and orchestra, solo contest repertoire, popular method books, jazz, and skill-building exercises.

## What does that mean?

You will never have to practice by yourself, ever again. You will have a visual guide, as well as an aural guide to help you with your music studies. You will always be able to practice with the rest of the band (or piano) behind you so you will always know how you will fit with your classmates. If you like "Guitar Hero" or "Rock Band", this is the real deal .... for YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT!!!! Not only will you be able to play music from class, you'll be able to search the online library for all of your favorite songs that you can learn to play.

## What do I have to do?

Please go to [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com) and follow the directions for ordering a student subscription.

## Is there a cost?

Yes, the cost of a subscription per year is \$36.00. There is an additional cost for a microphone that is not required if you already have one, but highly recommended.

## Is it required?

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! All of your practice records & performance grades will be tracked online. Completing chair tests on Smart Music from the privacy of your own home save us valuable rehearsal time during class and also allow you to repeat the assignment as many times as you would like until you are pleased with the result.

## We don't have a computer! What would we do?

SmartMusic software will be set up on at least one computer that you can use at Howard Bishop Middle School. You'll have to schedule a time with Ms. Beres to come in and use it. ***IMPORTANT!*** Even if you don't have a computer, you will still need to provide an e-mail address to access your assignments on SmartMusic.

## Other Great News About Smart Music ....

Everything is tracked online. You will know exactly how you scored immediately.....and will have the capability of redoing an assignment if you please! It's all up to you, at your own pace, at your own time!

**If you have any questions about SmartMusic and cannot find your answers on the SmartMusic website, please don't hesitate to e-mail Ms. Beres at [bishopband2@aol.com](mailto:bishopband2@aol.com) or call her at (352) 955-6996. SmartMusic has the potential of taking the Bishop Bands to an entire new level of success as long as our members take advantage of the opportunity!**