Private lessons are the absolute best way to speed the advancement of performance skills on a musical instrument. **The one-to-one approach allows the student to benefit from the attention of the private teacher.** For parents who wish to provide the ideal learning environment and students who wish to make rapid improvement,   **THIS IS THE WAY TO GO!**

“Private lessons literally changed my life.  I didn’t know it at the time, and neither did my parents, what a huge difference this would make. My private teacher helped me to become a successful musician and that had a huge effect on my band experience. None of us knew that it would affect my life so much!  I don’t know what I would have done without them.”    – Mrs. Ebert

“Private lessons give students an edge.  In today’s competitive world, who doesn’t want that kind of advantage?”  – Mr. Ebert

We are happy to be able to offer private lessons for the band students at Cuthbertson to increase their musical skills and to help them become successful performers (this is what earns those college scholarships!).  Recent studies have shown that over 80% of students in the All-State Band take private lessons regularly.  Participation in honor bands increases the chance that students will receive a college scholarship.

**Are private lessons right for my child?**

Yes!  Private lessons are the key to helping students become better players and to really make the most of their band experience and private lessons are right for all types of students.  They help a student who is already advanced, become a truly exceptional musician and allows them to earn extra musical opportunities, such as District and State Band.  Lessons help students who are behind to catch up and lessons help the average student become more proficient.  They keep students interested and help make performances even more fun. **Lessons are an investment in your child’s future.**

**Who teaches private lessons?**

We have a list of wonderful instructors, both professional and student.  Most of our professional instructors teach for a living and most of our student instructors have been taking private lessons for years in preparation to teach.  To reserve a lesson spot, contact the instructor for your child’s instrument through phone or email.  They can give you information on lesson time and price as well as whether they recommend a half hour or full hour lesson.

**Professional Instructors**

Flute

Connie Beach – conniebeach@msn.com, 704 995-3962

Taylor Sims – 803-981-2903, taylorbsims18@gmail.com

Jessica Auslander – [jessica.auslander@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.auslander@gmail.com)

Oboe

Leah Moss – leah\_moss@hotmail.com

Bassoon

Lori Tiberio – tikan@aol.com

Clarinet

HS - Sam Sparrow – set up through Band Department, email Mrs. Ebert

MS - Jessica Lequire – jluedeman@gmail.com

Saxophone

Tim Gordon – gcoolbreeze105@aol.com

Joseph Girgenti – 704-207-7602, jsgirgenti@gmail.com

Trumpet

Bob Jackson – 704-996-6510

Liam McMahon – lmcmaho2@uncc.edu

Eric Millard - [emillard@uncc.edu](mailto:emillard@uncc.edu)

Horn

Christopher Griffin - [cgriff55@uncc.edu](mailto:cgriff55@uncc.edu)

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Trombone

Tyler Bullion – set up through Band Department, email Mrs. Ebert

Jeremy Marks - [jmarks21@uncc.edu](mailto:jmarks21@uncc.edu)

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Jon Sale – jon.sale@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tuba

Ryan Williams – set up through Band Department, email Mrs. Ebert

Doug Black – [cctubadoug@gmail.com](https://webmail.ucps.k12.nc.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=QymheGoA9l-RN_ZJFTmevpGOoV2QGaNnS9yTTrCR-G-FJBc0Kb_VCA..&URL=mailto%3acctubadoug%40gmail.com); [dblack39@uncc.edu](mailto:dblack39@uncc.edu)

Percussion

Jonan Keeny - set up through Band Department, email Mr. Sims