

Dear Parents,

Greetings! This year promises to be a special year in your child's educational development. If your child is in the fourth grade or higher, he or she is now eligible to start learning a musical instrument. (Fourth grade band instruments will begin in September, violins will begin in January.) All students involved with the instrumental music program will receive one group lesson per week and start in the full band, which will be held once a week after school. If your child misses a lesson, he or she will have to meet with me to schedule a make-up lesson. To be aware of your child's progress, a Band Progress Report will be sent home with their report cards.

What instruments can my child choose from?

Flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, drums, saxophone, French horn, baritone are the most popular choices. If your child wants to play a particular instrument that is not listed (oboe, violin, bassoon, etc.) contact the music department for more information. **(Unfortunately, we do not offer new students on piano or guitar).**

How much does this cost?

The instrumental program is part of the school day and is available at no cost. However, the child must have an instrument and lesson book. Parents are encouraged to rent an instrument for the best possible quality and guarantee for your child's choice of instrument, or use an instrument you may already own. Hunterdon Music in Flemington, NJ, and Dave Phillips in Phillipsburg, NJ, currently rent instruments to students at nominal rates. If you need any rental forms, please let me know.

If you would like to give your child the thrill and excitement of learning a musical instrument, kindly return this form with your signature, phone number, your child's choice of instrument, and the rental contract and check (if applicable) if you are going to rent through Hunterdon Music or Dave Phillips by Friday, September 5th. If you are not sure what instrument to pick, or you just have some general questions feel free, even encouraged, to contact me at 735-6334 or during the summer at (908) 213-9279.

Wishing you a great summer,

Mrs. Gena James

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Instrument: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Grade: _____

Telephone Number: _____