

June 2017

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Next year as a seventh grade student, your child has the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument at the Eisenhower Middle School. The goal of the Instrumental Music Program is to team with parents, teachers and the school to develop responsible, respectful, confident and creative students. The high standards of excellence facilitate musical growth both individually on an instrument and in ensembles.

Even if your child was not part of the instrumental music program last year, it's not too late to join! At EMS, there are a wide variety of instruments from which to choose. In fact, your child does not even need to know right now what instrument he or she would like to play. In September, your child has the option to meet with an EMS music director and try out several instruments to see which one might be best suited for him or her. Band and Orchestra has its own period during the school day, so students will not miss any academic classes to attend ensemble rehearsal or lessons.

All students participating must obtain an instrument and the method book. We are using Standard of Excellence and the cost is approximately \$10. Books can be purchased at most local music stores or online. We recommend, but are not affiliated with, The Music Den and an informational packet is attached. Renting an instrument is an affordable option and families also have the option to purchase; please contact us before making a purchase. A limited number of instruments are available directly from the school should the cost of renting be prohibitive.

Watching your child grow as a musician is a fun and rewarding experience. Each and every student is important to the overall success of the bands and orchestras. We look forward to working together in order to provide the best possible experience for all of our students. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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6th Grade Band Director

Mrs. Shannon Perrone

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5th Grade Band Director

Mr. James Goodwin

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Orchestra Director

Please return this form NO LATER than Friday, June 16, 2017. If you indicate intentions to rent an instrument, Music Den rental contract will be provided to you upon return of this form.

Band & Orchestra Signup Form

Eisenhower Middle School School

2017-2018

Please return this form along with The Music Den's rental contract (if applicable) to your child's music teacher NO LATER than Friday, June 16, 2017.

Student's Name _____

Desired Instrument(s): _____

Current Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian email address(es) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Are you planning to rent an instrument through The Music Den?

Yes

No

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