

**STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

August 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a fifth grader, your son or daughter has the opportunity to join our Beginning Instrumental Music Program (band and orchestra). At school today, your son or daughter heard a demonstration of all the instruments performed by your school's Band and Orchestra teacher. In a few days, students will have an opportunity to try an instrument of their choosing. During this time, music teachers will guide students through the process, and recommend a band and/or orchestra instrument they feel your child will be most successful playing. Your child will be provided a copy of the recommendation to take home.

Band and orchestra lessons occur during the school day, and are taught by licensed instrumental music teachers, provided by the Strongsville City Schools. Those who start an instrument in fifth grade will have the opportunity to continue playing throughout middle and high school.

Learning to play an instrument is a positive, worthwhile experience that teaches discipline, teamwork, and cooperation. Musical ensembles are valuable school activities that develop lifelong skills in leadership, interpersonal relations, and cultural awareness. Reading and performing music utilizes the same cognitive skills used in math and reading.

Students will NOT miss any classroom instruction because lessons will occur on a rotating schedule in the middle of the school day. Lesson schedules will be put together by the band and orchestra teacher for your building.

An important informational meeting will take place on **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Strongsville High School Auditorium for parents and students. During this meeting you will be provided important information regarding required supplies, recommended music stores, and have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please do not obtain an instrument until after this meeting.

If you are interested in having your child learn to play an instrument and become a member of the school band or orchestra, please complete the sheet on the back and return to your child's homeroom teacher tomorrow.

Instrumental Music Staff

Band: Chris Chidsey, Renee Strong, Rene Roblee

Orchestra: Andrew Hire, Jordan Lawson, Tanya Rogers

Strongsville City Schools Instrumental Music

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7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.**

STUDENT'S NAME _____

GRADE _____ Classroom TEACHER _____

Parent PHONE _____ Parent EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____

I will attend the meeting: ____ Yes ____ No

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

My child is interested in the following instruments: (*circle two choices; one from each row*)*

flute clarinet saxophone trumpet trombone percussion

violin viola cello string bass

**The music staff feels it is best that a student try one band and one orchestra instrument.*