



BAND INSTRUMENT TRY-OUT & RENT NIGHT

Hello, 5th Grade Parents/Guardians!

I have enjoyed working with your students over the past few weeks, and now I am excited to finally begin selecting and obtaining their instruments for the beginning band program! I am thrilled by the enthusiasm and eagerness of the students who have expressed their interest in joining band to me, and I look forward to guiding you and your students through this exciting process!

Over the week of September 6th-9th, interested students split up into small groups to meet with me in the Music Room each afternoon on a designated day to try out instruments and ask questions. This process of mini "Aptitude Meetings" gives me and the students valuable basic information, and I hope they've sparked conversations with you at home about their experiences.

Now comes the next step! I invite you to join us on the evening of **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH** to meet in the **Music Room** at **Slippery Rock Area Elementary School** for a workshop with Volkweins Music Center. At this workshop, the Volkweins team will provide all of the information needed regarding rentals, purchases, repair support, and materials. Their team will also do an official instrument try-out process with you and your student so that you can feel confident about the selection. I have attached my instrument recommendations for the students who joined me at the Aptitude Meetings to this packet, but many students showed potential with an array of instruments, and by no means are you required to follow my recommendation.

Also attached to this packet is an information slip on how to schedule your 10-minute try-out and information session with the Volkweins team. Beginning at **5:00 PM** on **9/20/22**, students and families can schedule a 10-minute time slot that works best for them for a personalized session with the Volkweins team. To maximize your ability to attend and support your student, there will not be a group session with all interested families -- only the small sessions -- but I will be on-site the entire time to answer any further questions you may have! **Please follow the attached directions and reserve your slot via Calendly ASAP.**

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up for our **Remind App** class. This will allow me to provide (*infrequent*) important updates once we get started with lessons and performances; I was a young band student once myself, too, and I have forgotten my instrument, materials, and very important information I was supposed to tell my parents PLENTY of times, so I hope this will help minimize that stress! If you have yet to join, I have attached instructions to this packet, as well.

**As a note, Volkweins Music Center will provide all sanitization materials and follow all protocols to keep this evening safe for our community.*

Thank you so much in advance for supporting your student's musical endeavors, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Appreciatively,

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