

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Elementary Band registration for the 2015-2016 school year is right around the corner! This year we are featuring online registration. You can access the online registration by visiting [www.pbsmusic.weebly.com](http://www.pbsmusic.weebly.com) and clicking on the "Band" tab. This webpage is also accessible through the school webpage as well. If you're still unsure if band is a fit for your family, you can attend the Instrument Rental Night **on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** before making a final decision. This night is highly suggested for all new members.

Beginning band (Blue Band) is open to **ALL** students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade regardless of musical talent or ability. *Beginners are automatically placed in Blue Band and second-year players on the same instrument are placed in Red Band.* 5<sup>th</sup> graders that are beginners may be considered for Red Band at my discretion. There are many things your child can acquire by learning to play an instrument in the school band:

- ✓ Critical thinking and problem solving skills for 21<sup>st</sup> century society
  - ✓ Communication of ideas and emotions
- ✓ Teamwork with peers that builds a sense of belonging & accomplishment
  - ✓ Self-discipline to hold one's self accountable for his/her contribution
    - ✓ Responsibility to keep one's self organized

I hope that you will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to become a part of something great for you and your child. I know schedules are pretty busy for most families and I want to assure you that I can be flexible with scheduling and attendance as long as I'm aware of certain situations; there's always a solution. You will see the band schedule on the other side of this letter.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me. I look forward to seeing you at Instrument Rental Night! Band begins the week of **September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Musically,

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