# MUSIC LESSONS AT BELMONT HILL

**2026 – 2027**

Belmont Hill School is pleased to offer private music lessons during the school day. In recent years, lessons by qualified teachers have been offered in guitar, bass, piano, voice, saxophone, clarinet, drums, violin, trumpet, tuba, trombone, and mallet percussion. When we have enough interest in a new instrument, we are usually able to bring on new teachers to accommodate our students. Weekly lessons are scheduled at mutually convenient times for these off-campus teachers and our boys. Given the teachers' limited availability and the boys' busy schedules, this offer must be made on a first-come, first-served basis. These lessons are made to fit within the school day, although scheduling the boys will often necessitate an afternoon lesson or a switch of their lunch and X-block periods.

Lessons are billed each month at a rate of $44 per half-hour lesson or $57.50 per 40-minute lesson (and we can sometimes accommodate hour-long lessons, depending on the schedule). In addition, you will incur occasional costs for books and instrument supplies (saxophone reeds, drum sticks, guitar strings, etc.).

Financial aid is available for music lessons and instrument rentals; interested families who qualify can contact Ms. Flanagan at flanagan@belmonthill.org for more information.

The following policies apply to all students enrolled in private lessons:

- After a four-week "trial period", **students must commit to an entire semester** of lessons. In the case of a mid-semester termination of lessons you will be charged for the remaining lessons in the semester. This commitment continues through the second semester unless we discuss otherwise before the end of the first semester.
- Study for a test, extra-help, and extra-curricular conflicts are NOT excused absences.
- For all other conflicts, such as school absence, field trip, etc., **a 24-hour cancellation notice is required to avoid a "no-show" charge for the full lesson price.**
- Please contact the teacher directly in the event of such an absence.

To sign up for private lessons, please fill out this form and email, send, or return it to me at school. Questions? Feel free to contact me at (617) 993-5243 or fiori@belmonthill.org

Please see the opposite side of this letter for a description of our Instrumental Ensembles.

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Please sign me up for Private Lessons: ☐ $44/half-hour ☐ $57.50/40-minutes ☐ $83/60-minutes

I am requesting lessons for _____(instrument).

Additional notes? (level, style, etc.)_____

Student's Name (please print legibly)_____Form_____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____Tel. No. _____

# INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES AT BELMONT HILL

**2026 – 2027**

In addition to our private lesson program, Belmont Hill School is pleased to offer extracurricular ensembles during the school day, free of charge. Our Middle School and Upper School Rock Ensembles meet once per week in the afternoon, and have a variety of performance opportunities for parents and friends during the school year. Our various Jazz and Classical Ensembles meet twice per week, and prepare music for morning school meetings and formal recitals. All of our ensembles rehearse in the Prenatt Music Building and offer a fun and challenging environment for our rising musicians.

Please discuss with your son the realities of his homework and athletic commitments before making the decision to participate in an ensemble. Although these ensembles are extracurricular, a steady weekly commitment is expected throughout the school year. Study, extra-help, and extra-curricular conflicts are not excused absences.

Groups are available in the following musical styles:

- Rock/Pop Ensembles
- Large Jazz Ensembles
- Jazz Combo (Upper School)
- Classical Chamber Orchestra

Sign-ups for the ensembles will occur during the first two weeks of school, so please be sure to remind your son to listen for announcements. Please note that it is very important that your son attend the first meeting for the group he is hoping to join.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at (617) 993-5243 or fiori@belmonthill.org. For questions regarding our Choral groups, please contact Director of Music Donnell Patterson at (617) 993-5260 or patterson@belmonthill.org.

Yours very truly,

Daniel Fiori
Director of Instrumental Music