Back To School Night

Instrumental Music Introduction



Lessons will be offered on the following instruments:

Band Instruments

- *Oboe*
- *Flute*
- *Clarinet*
- *Alto and Tenor Saxophone*
- *Trumpet*
- *French Horn*
- *Trombone*
- *Baritone Horn*
- *Tuba*
- *Percussion (snare and bells)*

String Instruments

- *Violin*
- *Viola*
- *Cello*
- *String Bass*
- *Harp*

Starting Lessons

Start lessons Monday, September 21st

Before this time the following should occur

1. Demonstration from The Band Shoppe

   During 4th Grade Specials at PRE on September 11th

Starting Lessons

2. Instrument Try-Outs at Music Store or Carroll Arts Center

Limelight Music School
Saturday, September 12th, 10am - 1pm
1341 West Liberty Rd - Sykesville

The Band Shoppe and Menchey Music
Date/Time: Saturday, September 12th, 11am - 3pm.

- Location: Carroll Arts Center
- 91 W. Main Street
- Westminster, MD 21157

Starting Lessons

1. After Try-Out => Complete Sign-Up Sheet with 3 Choices
2. Mr. Dundore will notify you about instrument choice and supplies
3. Rent instrument and purchase supplies



Starting Lessons (Continued)

*Note – I accept students throughout the year, so if you haven't rented your instrument etc. by the first day of lessons, please don't worry. Your student is always welcome to join instrumental music!

Renting and Purchasing an Instrument

- Contact store for rates
- Loaner instrument from store
- Be careful of internet purchases
- Recondition previously owned instruments before first lesson



Instruments Loaned Through the School

- If student has a financial need can loan school owned instrument
- If loan from school, need to fill out form

Instrument Transportation

- Student bring instrument on bus
- Parent may drop off
- Cello and Percussion players keep instrument at home, use school's instruments during lessons
  - (if we have many cellists, I may ask if someone can bring theirs in from home for their lesson)

Schedule

- Rotating bi-weekly schedule
- Students miss two 30 minute blocks for band and orchestra lessons per week
- Bi-weekly helps to never miss the same class until the 3rd week
- Miss two specials and two academic areas in 2 weeks
- If their lesson time doesn't suit, student should see Mr. D. to work something out

Example Schedule

- **Week 1**

  Mon. 9:30am – ELA

  Wed. 11:30am – PE

- **Week 2**

  Mon. 2:30pm – Science

  Wed. 11:00am – Music

Practice Record and Assignments

- Given monthly
- Practice requirement from the county curriculum is 75 min. per week (just a goal, not termination)
- Looking for 300 minutes per month
- Student and parent/guardian should sign
- Something both student(s) and parent/guardian work on together if possible – help in remembering to practice, keeping student accountable for time practiced on practice record etc.

Practice Record and Assignments (Continued)

- "one stop shop" for all things instrumental music
  - includes, concert dates, homework, etc.
- Due first Friday of new month
- Turn in to me, or student homeroom teacher
- Please turn practice records in on time.



Missed Classes

- Student responsibility to make up classwork
- Student could have a friend to help
- If student misses classes and needs help, please let me know. Student can come in during another lesson if needed.
- If the student is practicing at home, keeps good communication with me, ask if they have any questions, students can stay caught up on their work.



Email/Phone - Communication

- Communicate with you through phone, email or both
- Communication is vital to the success of the student
- My email – on school's website and practice record – jrdundo@carrollk12.org



Grading

Your student will be graded on the following with an Outstanding (work meets beyond requirements), Satisfactory (work meets requirements), Non-Satisfactory (work does not meet requirements):

- Attendance
- Materials – Bringing materials to lessons such as their book, a pencil and their instrument
- Practice Record – meeting the required amount of practice time on their sheet
- Musicality – Note accuracy, posture, rhythm, expression, tone quality

Private Lessons

While students learn all skills they need to be successful from me, private lessons are a great way to get extra help. If interested, please contact a music store or myself.

Concerts

- Two concerts per year; winter and spring
- Concert is culmination of all learning throughout year
- Not only is it important that the student attend these concerts so the parents and family members can listen to the learning that has gone on throughout the year, it is important that your child attend so that the band/orchestra perform at their highest level with all their important parts.
- Student should attend both concerts
- Concert Dates:
- 4th and 5th Grade Band and Orchestra, 5th Grade Solo/Groups
  - December 2nd, 6pm
- 4th and 5th - May 5th, 6pm