



## East Meadow Instrumental Music Program

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Dear Prospective Band Parent(s),

Thank you for taking the time to review some important information that could have a lasting impact on the future of your child. All parents are interested in providing the most advantageous opportunity for the welfare of their children; the following information may help you in that vitally important goal.

Each year East Meadow Elementary School offers the chance for every fourth grader (and some fifth graders) to participate in **Beginning Band**. We are very excited about our instrumental music program and eagerly look forward to this new group of budding young artists who will join this year's class of talented musicians. Please take the time to visit our website, listed above, for some more specific program information and to also complete and return the **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM** on the back of this letter.

You and your child are invited to join us for a brief informational meeting and beginning instrumental rental night on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the East Meadow Cafeteria.**

During this get-together, we will be discussing the various details concerning the initial steps in joining the band. Contrary to what many parents think, it is quite easy and very cost-effective to have every child enjoy this meaningful experience (based on flexible instrument rental programs, class lessons, band rehearsals scheduled just prior to school, and an atmosphere of cooperation). **Music For Everyone!** Staff from *Gerry's Music Shop* will also be onsite for assistance in instrumental rentals following our meeting. Your child should also have a rental packet from Gerry's Music Shop that you can review and begin to complete prior to the meeting.

Whether your child has or has not expressed an interest in playing an instrument, please join us, for it has been found that many people are unaware of the extended growth potential inherent in the study of music. Arts-related subjects have a positive impact on every area of study in school. Participating in band can offer your child a better understanding in all of his/her academic studies. Current research confirms **the study of music is one of the most effective tools to improve learning throughout a child's academic curriculum.**

One of the most positive impressions you can offer your child is the opportunity to learn self-discipline at the highest level via participation in band. Their social skills, communication skills, self-concepts, cooperative talents, and creative mind will all be nurtured through their study of music. These life-skills will serve as an important foundation as they take on various responsibilities in their future.

I will be answering your personal questions about our band program. I eagerly look forward to meeting you and offering further details as you make this crucial decision on behalf of your child's future. Unfortunately, we have found that the vast majority of students will not sign up for band if they have not taken advantage of the first enrollment registration. Therefore, if you cannot attend this meeting, please make an indication on the **Pre-Registration Form** and I will be delighted to call you or to arrange a personal meeting.

Thank you again for your time as we prepare to **Strike Up The Band** at East Meadow School with your child playing in the musical spotlight. These materials and additional resources can be found on the website listed above.

Musically yours,

Mr. Greg A. Williams

## BEGINNING BAND PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL #1: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL #2: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUMENT CHOICE:

1<sup>ST</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>RD</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

**WOODWINDS:** flute, oboe (limited), clarinet, alto sax (limited), tenor sax (limited)

**BRASS:** trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone horn

**PERCUSSION:** total percussion (limited)

### MEETING ATTENDANCE:

\_\_\_\_\_ WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE RENTAL MEETING

\_\_\_\_\_ WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, BUT WOULD LIKE A PHONE CALL FROM MR. WILLIAMS

### INSTRUMENT PLANS:

\_\_\_\_\_ WE PLAN TO RENT AN INSTRUMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ WE OWN AN INSTRUMENT (what instrument do you own \_\_\_\_\_)

**Please use this option only if absolutely necessary.**

Although our schedule is designed to have the least impact on what students are missing (a special might only be missed a total of 1 hour during the year), there may be a few families **with specific academic areas of concern**. **After reviewing your child's morning class schedule** and discussing the impact of this rotating schedule, please indicate which classes and/or support services that your child should not miss for lessons. These missed lessons will not be made up and responsibility for attending these classes/supports instead of lessons is that of the student, not Mr. Williams or the classroom teacher. If you have a question, please leave a message for your child's teacher to discuss.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grammar          | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library              | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Study   | <input type="checkbox"/> Math             | <input type="checkbox"/> Music         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | <input type="checkbox"/> SPED Support       | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech           | <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies       | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing            |   |  |

We have read, understand, and accept our responsibilities as outlined in the **Beginning Band Registration Materials** information. We believe that we are all responsible for making lessons, rehearsals, and performances run smoothly. We have marked our calendars with the performance dates and times. We are willing to do our part!

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER NO LATER THAN  
Friday, September 18<sup>TH</sup> in the morning in order to plan accordingly for the rental night**