

Dear Music Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope you were able to relax and recharge during the summer. We will be utilizing the hybrid schedule and virtual learning to our advantage this year, with the hopes to be able to have full rehearsals some time in the future. There is still so much your child can gain from playing a musical instrument through our virtual platform, and although this may not be the best way to learn an instrument, it is important to stick with it so that they can get back into the future band/orchestra prepared and with confidence. Your child has such a long and bright future ahead of making beautiful music and we are not going to let this little bump in the road set us back!

In order to start the year smoothly, it is important that your child is set up by having an instrument. If you have not rented an instrument yet, please do so as soon as possible. I do ask that you fill out my contact and instrument form prior to renting an instrument, just so I have a record of your child's choices. My website has all of the information you need for these tasks.

Our district has purchased subscriptions to SmartMusic for all of the students this year. This will not only be a very helpful and fun program for starting virtually, but also for the remainder of the year when we are in person. Our first couple of online lessons will go over how to use this program, and during the setup process you may need to help them by using your email account. If you have an account already, there is no need to create another account. If you do not have an account, please make sure your child has access to it using their email account or a parent email account.

I will send out another email shortly once the lesson schedule has been created with all of the information you need to know. For now, please work on making sure your child has their instrument.

Thank you so much, and here's to a great school year!

Sincerely,

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