

Crestwood Instrumental Music

August, 2017

Dear Parents:

The Crestwood Local School District has long had an outstanding instrumental music program. Each fall, as the new school year begins, we look forward to starting a new group of beginners who will be part of this exciting experience as well as the wonderful opportunities that exist throughout our 8 year program.

After an instrument demonstration by the 8th grade band last spring, your child expressed an interest in the Crestwood Band Program. On August 30 we will begin testing those students who are interested in playing an instrument **and** have returned the attached, pink parental consent form. We will be testing students throughout the following week, primarily during the scheduled music class. Your child will be tested on the instrument of his/her choice only if the parental consent form has been returned. Do not worry if your child is unsure of what instrument to try, we can guide him/her to a suitable instrument as long as the consent form is returned on time!

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a rental meeting in the Crestwood Intermediate School cafeteria. We will pass out the instrument recommendations at that time. Please plan to attend. Representatives from a reputable music store will be present for your convenience to rent instruments. If you already own an instrument please bring it to the meeting to have it inspected and approved. We want to make sure it is in excellent playing condition. You will receive a band registration form to complete at that time so that he/she can be included in the lesson schedule. If it is not possible for you to attend, all of the information will be sent home with your child the following day. We plan to begin lessons the week of September 25, so you have adequate time to acquire an instrument. If you encounter any difficulties in doing so, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Keep in mind that our main concern is for your child to have the best chance to succeed and have a positive band experience. Please do not rent or buy an instrument before you receive our recommendation. We will provide a list of recommended, reliable instrument brands to help you know what to look for when renting or purchasing so you get something of quality for your investment. These recommended instruments will play well, last for years, maintain their value, and can be repaired. Also remember that a used instrument of good quality is better than an inexpensive new one of poor quality.

Please complete the attached pink form and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Students who indicate an interest and return the attached form will be given the opportunity to try instruments in order to determine which one will be best suited to his/her physical characteristics.

If you have any questions regarding your child's involvement in the Beginning Band Program, please call the Middle School Band room at 330-357-8204, ext. 119 or email dwiandt@crestwoodschoools.org.

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Wiandt, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. Hassing

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE DETACH THE PINK PARENTAL CONSENT FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOUR CHILD WILL BE TESTED.

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5th Grade Band
2017-18 School Year


My child is interested in being part of the Crestwood Band program. I give my permission to have him/her investigate this opportunity and be tested on the instruments below or another instrument that may be better suited to his/her physical characteristics.

Please PRINT clearly.

My child is interested in playing these instruments:

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____



Student's name _____

Parent's name _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ Homeroom teacher _____

My child has studied piano, YES _____ NO _____

We own the following instrument(s)

Parent's signature _____

*****PLEASE DO NOT RENT/PURCHASE/BORROW AN INSTRUMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED OUR RECOMMENDATION AND INSTRUMENT SELECTION GUIDE! These will be distributed at the parent meeting on September 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**