



May 17, 2017

Dear 5th Grade Band Parents,

What a great year of music making in Beginning Band! Only last September these students were learning to play the first notes on their instrument. Since then they performed on their first band concert in December and finished the year with an outstanding performance on the spring concert. This year's fifth grade band made tremendous strides and did it with enthusiasm and excitement!

The fun of being in band has only begun! Most fifth grade band students will continue on in sixth grade. Sixth grade band (Intermediate Band) meets three times a week during specials. Students can look forward to finishing Book 1, learning all-new full band pieces, playing on three concerts, and learning a small ensemble piece with friends to play on the spring concert.

As the school year comes to an end it is time to enroll in band for the coming year. *As in 2016-17, there is no additional fee for your child to participate in band.* Please complete, detach, and return the form at the bottom of this letter to your child's homeroom teacher by **Wednesday May 24**. We have another great year in store, and we want you to be a part of it!

Over the summer students should keep their instrument and method book, and from time to time get it out to *play for fun*. When not in use store the instrument in a cool, dry place. If your instrument is not going to be played for a while be sure to grease corks, lubricate slides, and oil valves so it is ready to be played again.

Finally, the end of fifth grade is the time to expand the instrumentation of our band by a few students switching to oboe or French horn. These instruments play unique parts and a crucial role in the band's sound. Oboe and French horn are suitable for students who are looking for a challenge, are willing to take private lessons through most of the school year, and are committed to being in band for years to come. If your child is interested in switching then please email me for more information.

If you have questions about the coming year please feel free to contact me. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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CSGK Band Enrollment Form 2017-18 *Current fifth grade students*

Student Name (first, last): _____

Parents, check the appropriate box and sign below.

Students, return to your homeroom teacher by **Wednesday May 24**.

- Yes, my child will continue in band next school year.
- No, my child will not continue in band next school year.

Parent Signature

Date