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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the upcoming 25-26 school year, your child, as an entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade student, will have the opportunity to play a musical instrument and participate in either the orchestra or band program. Learning to play a musical instrument is one of the most enriching of all school experiences. Surveys suggest some major benefits for children learning a musical instrument include higher brain function, increased SAT scores, and improved performance in mathematics and reading. Other additional benefits are a sense of accomplishment, increased self-esteem and responsibility, building new friendships, and creating a lifelong appreciation of music.

Your child's school will soon send out a link introducing the instrumental music teachers in your school and giving some information about the program which includes a choice of instrument, small group lessons, and the opportunity to play a concert with one of the various performing groups.

Sign-ups for September will begin now, so keep an eye out for the announcement from your school.

Any child, not only those with special talent or ability, can learn to play a musical instrument. We hope you will consider all the advantages our instrumental music program offers. You can be sure we will do all we can to make this a rewarding experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Janice Brown

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