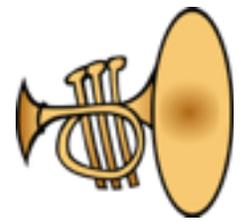




Coonley School Band



Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

I am very excited to invite the 5th-8th graders to join the Coonley School Band this year. Our band program has been growing over the past 5 years, and I'm very excited to welcome new students into a new Beginning Band group. Our returning students will be continuing as well in a separate Concert Band group.

BEGINNING BAND

The Beginning Band will meet as a group twice a week before school from 7:45am-8:30am on Mondays and Wednesdays. Small group sectionals/lessons will also be provided to each instrument group during the school day throughout each month. If your child decides to join band, practicing at home is also expected. Beginning to play an instrument is a challenging and exciting new experience that requires dedication, energy, and practice.

In joining band, your child has seven options of instruments to choose from. (Percussion includes playing snare drum, bell set, and bass drum) The options of instruments include the following:

Flute	Trombone	Trumpet	Percussion
Saxophone	Clarinet	Baritone	

INSTRUMENT TESTING

All beginning students that sign up for band must take part in an "instrument testing session" on the evening of Thursday, September 29th at 4:30pm in the music room. There will be a brief presentation on the band program for this year and instrument testing will follow the meeting until 6:30pm. This means your child will have the opportunity to try a few different instruments and explore what would best fit them. No specific testing times will be assigned, so please arrive within the given time frame. Typically, a student will take about 10-15 minutes trying their instruments. After testing on the instruments, students can sign up to rent their instrument that night. (See other side for rental info)



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RENTING AN INSTRUMENT

Coonley School has a limited inventory of certain band instruments that may be utilized by students enrolled in band. Available instruments will be limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority is given to returning band students. It is recommended that students rent or buy their instrument from a music instrument provider. (See attached **Quinlan and Fabish** flyer) Quinlan and Fabish music will be available at the instrument testing night to help test and sign up students to rent an instrument. Please have a credit card, check, or cash ready to sign up to rent an instrument. (See attached flyer for rates) Students may also use a family owned instrument.



CONCERT BAND (RETURNING BAND STUDENTS)

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade returning band students will meet as a group for rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45am-8:30am. All returning band students must indicate on the sign up form whether they are renting from Coonley or Quinlan & Fabish this year. Instruments will be limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Returning students do not need to attend the instrument testing night. **First rehearsal for returning Concert Band students will be on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:45am in the music room.**

Our first concert will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 6pm in the Coonley multi-purpose room. The Coonley Beginning Band and returning Concert Band will have at least 1 more concert in the spring, so stay tuned!

I look forward to seeing your child in band!

Musically,
Mr. Wrzesinski



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BEGINNING BAND SIGN-UP

Child Name _____ Room # _____

I give my child permission to join the Coonley School Band and take part in morning rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:45am-8:30am in the music room.

All beginning band students must attend the instrument testing night on Thursday, September 29th at 4:30pm. There will be a brief presentation on the band program for this year and instrument testing will follow until 6:30pm.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Contact: EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please circle two instruments you are most interested in trying:

Flute	Trombone	Trumpet	Percussion
Saxophone	Clarinet	Baritone	

Please circle if you will be renting or bringing a family owned instrument:

RENTING

FAMILY OWNED

Please return this form to Mr. Wrzesinski or Mr. Wrzesinski's mailbox in the office by Thursday, Sept 22nd.

CONCERT BAND SIGN-UP (ALL RETURNING STUDENTS)

Child Name _____ Room # _____

I give my child permission to join the Coonley School Band and take part in morning rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45am-8:30am in the music room. **All rental fees and rules from last year apply.**

CIRCLE where you will be renting from:

QUINLAN & FABISH

COONLEY

FAMILY OWNED

Parent Signature _____

Parent Contact: EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

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