

April 13th, 2015

Lancaster Middle School
Music Department
Beginning Band Information

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your child has expressed an interest in beginning band lessons. In our schools we try to give an opportunity to every student who wants to learn a musical instrument. Not every student is suited to the study of an instrument, but we feel the only way to find out whether your child would succeed is to **give it a fair try!** ☺

All musical instruments are more expensive than we would like, but they are a lifetime investment. There are rental and lease plans, and even some good used instruments. The school does have a limited number of instruments for use, usually those too large and expensive for families to supply. We stress that we can **ALWAYS** find a way to provide an instrument for any child who truly wants to play. **NO student should ever give up the joy of music just because of the cost of an instrument.**

We will be holding **OPEN HOUSE** at the **Middle School Band Room** on four evenings, over a span of two weeks. At our **OPEN HOUSE**, your child will have the opportunity of trying any or all of the instruments, in order to help decide which one to play. Both you and your child will have the chance to ask questions you may still have. Our **OPEN HOUSE** sessions will be held on...

Thurs, May 7 – 4-7pm

Tues, May 12 – 4-7pm

Wed, May 13 – 6-8pm

Thurs., May 14 – 6-8pm

(Other times by appointment- just call Mrs. Miller)

*Note: You only need to attend **one** of these dates and **you do not have to stay the whole time.** Come when you can. It will last about 10-15 minutes – longer if there is a line.*

Then on **Monday, May 18th at 7:00pm** we will have a special “**Instrument Display Night**” in the **Middle School Commons** where you will have the opportunity to make arrangements for an instrument for your child. We will begin that evening with a short presentation of information about our summer lessons after which two fine music stores will present their rental/lease programs. Following their presentation you may visit any or all and make a decision on an instrument.

You may still have some questions, and I’m happy to answer them. If the band booklet doesn’t answer your questions, feel free to call **723-2173 ext. 234** or email **millera@lancastersd.k12.wi.us**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ashley Miller - Middle School Band Director