

Dear Parents,

Today your child had the chance to see the attached video demonstration of many different musical instruments. Please take the time to view this video with your child so you can decide on what instrument is best. We hope they found an instrument they wanted to play! Playing a band instrument is a truly exciting opportunity for any student! Most students who play musical instruments tend to have higher levels of self-esteem and score higher on standardized tests. Along with these benefits, students will learn how to work together as a team, and create life-long friends through music! [Click here to see the video presentation that was presented today.](#)

To register your child for band lessons please complete this form, [Elementary Band Registration Form](#), no later than Monday, September 14th.

There will be a mandatory zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 15 to discuss rental options and go over the details of our program this year. The zoom link will be sent via email the day of the meeting.

An overview of the elementary band program:

- **Lessons:** Students will receive a group lesson once every six school days at their homeschool. Students are pulled out of class on a rotating basis so they are not always missing the same class. Students are responsible for the work they miss during class. These lessons will be both in person and virtual depending on the day of the week your lesson falls if you chose the hybrid plan. If you are BOL or BASD virtual, all lessons will be virtual (with the exception of the parent lesson)
- **Band rehearsals:** Band rehearsals are usually part of our program, but at this time are not a possibility. When we are able to rehearse again, band rehearsals take place at Gilbertsville Elementary School from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Parents are responsible for dropping their child off; a district bus will take the students back to their home school.
- **Practice Expectations:** Students are encouraged to practice 5-7 days in between lessons. Frequency in practice is one of the most important factors in the success of a music student. Please evaluate your home schedule to see if you are able to dedicate this amount of time to your instrument.
- **Cost:** Lessons and band are included in the district's program. Students/parents are responsible for the instrument and accompanying materials.

INSTRUMENTS

- Students will supply their own instrument with the exception of the euphonium/baritone, either from a rental company (see below), an instrument already at home that is in playing condition, or another purchase.
- Students playing the ***Euphonium/baritone*** may receive a school district owned instrument depending on availability. If we have more students choosing to play these instruments than available instruments, students will be chosen by a lottery system. If your child does not receive a BASD instrument through our lottery system, one may be obtained from a rental company.

RENTAL COMPANIES

We offer services from Menchey Music Service Inc. and Zeswitz Music. Both make weekly visits to BASD schools and will deliver instruments in time for distribution at the first lesson the week of September 28th.

You can view the different rental options available on these websites:

<http://www.shopmenchey.com/aeRntSchoolSelect.aspx>

<https://www.zeswitzmusic.com/>

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER YOUR INSTRUMENT UNTIL *AFTER* THE PARENT MEETING

Parent Lessons

We will be holding lessons for one parent and one student **the week of September 28**. Once we know the instrument distribution we will have lesson times for you to register. At this lesson we will give you the instrument and materials, show you how to make a basic sound, and put together your instrument. It is imperative that you attend this lesson since many lessons this year will not be in person.

Please discuss this wonderful opportunity with your child. We firmly believe that every student should be given a chance to play a musical instrument. Who knows? We may discover a hidden talent that might not have been uncovered in your child before he/she joined the band! Please feel free to contact your child's director with any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you and working with your child to develop their musical talent!

Please visit our website: <http://bit.ly/BASDElemBand>

Thank you,

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