

2015 - 2016 ELEMENTARY BAND PROGRAM



PARENT MEETING - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th - 6:30 PM O'DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Music Department of the Stoughton Public Schools offers 4th and 5th grade students the opportunity to participate in our Elementary Band Program. Students can choose to play the Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone or Percussion/Mallets.

New students will receive a group lesson on their instrument at no cost for half an hour each week. They also have the opportunity to participate in a band ensemble class for the Winter and Spring Concerts in each school.

Second year students will also receive group lessons at no cost and have a weekly 5th Grade Band rehearsal for 45 minutes at their elementary school. Lessons and band rehearsals are held during the school day.

The Music Department, working in conjunction with K&C Music and Stoughton Music, offers a "Rent to Own" program. Families can choose to rent their child's instrument for a monthly fee. After paying the fee for a predetermined length, the student then owns their instrument. K&C Music offers quality instruments and service. All transactions and repair exchanges can be done at you child's elementary school. Stoughton Music is an affiliate of K&C Music and provides the same services as K&C Music.

The monthly fee for the instruments is approximately \$30.00 except for the saxophone. The saxophone rental is \$55.00 a month. If for some reason your child wants to stop playing, you can return the instrument to the rental company and your payments will stop at that time.

You also have the option of providing an instrument from another source. Many families have access to an instrument for their child. As long as the instrument is in good playing condition, this can be a fine alternative to renting an instrument. Another option is to purchase an instrument from another vendor. Not all instruments are suitable for student use. If the deal is too good to be true, watch out! Some lower cost instruments play poorly, and are very difficult to repair. Be careful when purchasing an instrument. Making a decision on price alone can possibly cost you much more in the long run.

If your child would like to participate in this program, please fill out the registration form on the back and return it to school. We are having an Instrumental Music Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at the O'Donnell Middle School. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Instruments will be available at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please feel free to contact one of the music companies listed on the brochure.

I strongly suggest that you attend the meeting on the 16th if you can. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Please visit <http://www.spsfinearts.org> for more information.

Sincerely,

John Kearns

Director of Fine Arts

Stoughton Public Schools

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Students in the 4th and 5th grade are invited to participate in the Elementary Instrumental Program.

Each student will receive a 30 minute group lesson free of charge each week at their elementary school. Along with the lesson, students will perform as a beginners band for the Winter Concert and the Fine Arts Concert in the spring.

Today your child attended an assembly presented by the Instrumental Staff of the Stoughton Public Schools. In order to have your child participate, please fill out the registration form on the right hand side. This form must be returned to your child's school as soon as possible.

The music department offers a "rent to own" program in conjunction K&C Music and Stoughton Music.

Students who already own an instrument are welcome to participate as well.

INSTRUMENTAL REGISTRATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

O'Donnell Middle School Cafeteria

6:30 PM

There will be a meeting for parents and students on September 16th. At this meeting, you will be able to meet the instrumental music staff to ask questions.

You will also be able to rent an instrument at the meeting if you wish.

Parents who can't make the meeting can contact the music companies directly for rental information.

MUSIC RENTAL COMPANIES

K&C Music Company

273 Lenox Street

Norwood, MA 02062

781-769-6520

www.kandcmusicco.com

Stoughton Music Center

968 Washington Street

Stoughton, MA 02072

781-344-8772

www.stoughtonmusic.com

MUSIC DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

www.spsfinearts.org

More information and instruments prices can be found on the SPS Fine Arts website.

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact John Kearns, K-12
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SIGN-UP FORM

PLEASE RETURN

Sign up for one instrument.

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Flute

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Clarinet

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Saxophone

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Trumpet

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Trombone

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Percussion Kit

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School _____

Grade _____

I am a new student to the program.

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YES

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NO

I own my own instrument already.

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YES

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NO

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please return this form to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.