

Fall, 2018

Dear Parent,

In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, your children have the opportunity to learn how to play a MUSICAL instrument. The instruments are flute, clarinet, French horn, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bells, drums, violins, and cellos. We strongly encourage you to rent, not purchase, the instrument. Students who wish to learn drumming need to PURCHASE a drum pad and sticks. No drum kits, please.

Lessons are once a week during the day. Students have their lessons with other children playing the same instrument. We offer several different times during the day for each group, which allows us to personalize the instruction. This gives the classroom teacher the ability to allow the student to attend their lesson and not miss the same class every week. The teachers at Perry Hill have always been supportive of the music program and are willing to work with the students to allow academic and music success.

Band lessons start as soon as the student has the instruments.

- Monday lessons are for flutes and trumpets
- Tuesday lessons are clarinets and trombones
- Wednesday lessons are drums and bells
- Thursday lessons are saxophones

The lesson schedule for Strings is as follows:

- Monday @ 10:20 – Orange Team
- Tuesday @ 1:30 – Yellow Team
- Thursday @ 8:50 – Green Team
- Thursday @ 9:35 – Purple Team
- Friday @ 12:45 – Blue Team
- Friday @ 2:15 – Red Team



Most of the music stores in the area have an instrument rental program. In addition to the instrument, the students must buy a book. The book we are using this year is “Standard of Excellence” for the band and “Essential Elements” for the strings. In addition to using their books, we will supply them with music to play as an entire group.

We sincerely hope that you will allow your child to participate in the music program. If you have any questions, please email us: [dkeller@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:dkeller@sheltonpublicschools.org) (band) or [tweinstein@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:tweinstein@sheltonpublicschools.org) (strings).

Sincerely,

The Music Teachers