

North Merrick Instrumental Music Department

June 2019

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

The North Merrick Music Department is very excited to offer instrumental music lessons to **all interested students entering 4th grade next year.** Lessons will be offered on violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and percussion in 4th grade. Please note: saxophone, French horn, and tuba are offered in 5th & 6th grade and students interested in those instruments should begin in 4th grade on specific instruments from which it is ideal to transition. We will advise your child on which instruments to study in preparation for those 5th & 6th grade offerings if they express interest. Our optional multi-year elementary program consists of rotating in-school lessons and early morning rehearsals.

If you are interested in the program, instrument selection and registration is now available online. To register, go to www.nmerrickschools.org/instrumentalmusic. You will find a link to the online instrument preference form on the right of the page. **We have indicated with an * the instruments that we believe would be best suited for your child on the attached page.** These instruments were suggested based on music aptitude strengths and physical attributes Please encourage your child to consider at least one of these recommended instruments.

Due to the popularity, we must limit the number of students selected for some instruments including violin and percussion. We will make every effort to assign your child's first choice, but if classes are full, we may need to assign his/her second or third choice. ***If your child's first choice is percussion, s/he must complete a percussion audition in September.** Please help your child choose second and third options they are interested in studying, if necessary.

You will need to rent or purchase your child's instrument. Information regarding local music stores where you may rent an instrument and supplies will be included with the instrument assignment letter.

Your child's assigned instrument will be announced by the end of the school year. An online registration form will be available to register your child for instrumental music lessons next year.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at the following email addresses:

- Mr. Beck (Orchestra all schools) gbeck@nmerrick.org
- Mr. Brunson (Band – OMR/HDF) abrunson@nmerrick.org
- Mr. Willis (Band – Camp) cwillis@nmerrick.org

We hope that this will be the beginning of an exciting musical journey for you and your child!

Musically yours,



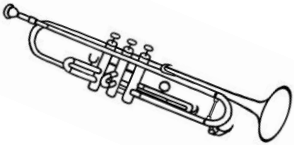
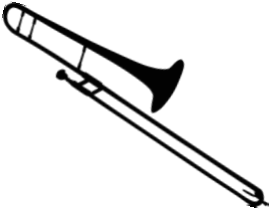
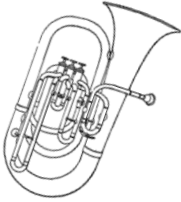

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North Merrick Instrumental Music Department Instrument Recommendations

***Instruments we recommend for your child are marked with an asterisk.**

Please consider at least one of these when your child is making their top three choices.

The online instrument preference form can be found at www.nmerrickschools.org, click "Programs" and then "Instrumental Music." It is on the right side of the page.

BAND		
<p>FLUTE</p> 	<p>CLARINET</p> 	<p>TRUMPET</p> 
<p>TROMBONE</p> 	<p>BARITONE</p> 	<p>PERCUSSION</p> 

ORCHESTRA			
<p>VIOLIN</p> 	<p>VIOLA</p> 	<p>CELLO</p> 	<p>BASS</p> 

*If you are unable to access the online registration described above, you may return this form indicating your child's top 3 preferences. Simply place a "1" in the box for your child's first choice, a "2" for his/her second choice, and a "3" for his/her third choice. Then complete the information below.

Student Name _____ School _____

Teacher _____ Parent Email _____