

Dear Pattonville 5th Grade Families,

FINALLY! The Instrumental Music Department has rescheduled our remaining visits to Willow Brook (3/12) and Remington (3/14) to introduce all 5th graders to beginning band instruments. We are excited to offer band as one of the daily music course options in 6th grade, and will be helping students determine which instrument might be a good fit for them. This information will be valuable when the time comes to register for middle school classes. A form is completed and handed to the students when we meet with them indicating their initial ability and interest in each instrument. A rating of 1-2-3-4 (with 4 being the best rating) will be marked next to each instrument for your reference.

In addition to completing the elementary school visits, there will a **parent meeting on Tuesday, March 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM** in the Pattonville HS Band Room (A001—lowest level of the auditorium building, closest to Creve Coeur Mill Rd. 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Rd. Maryland Heights, MO 63043) ALL 5th Grade Parents and students will be able to meet with middle school and high school band directors as well as representatives from local music stores who will provide information about rental plans and purchases.

We look forward to seeing all of the students and their families at the meeting on **Tuesday, March 12!**

Sincerely,

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Pattonville Band Facts

Middle School Bands

- Concert Performances at each middle school twice a year
- Full Ensemble Music Festivals
- Individual Music Festivals
- School Assemblies
- Special engagement performances each year
- Overnight trips
- Optional Extra Curricular music activities include Jazz Band and Pep Band

Pattonville HS Bands

- PHS Band members participate in all levels of athletics, cheerleading and drill team along with other school activities like theater, robotics, STUCO and more...
- 2018-2019 Marching Band GPA 3.5 (has been at least 3.2+ for 15 years)
- Four years of HS participation in a musical ensemble such as band looks very favorable to colleges, and college-bound students can fit band into their schedule along with several Honors, AP and College Credit courses.
- Many PHS Band Members earn music scholarships—even if they choose not to major in music
- PHS band members have been admitted to universities all around the country
- Former PHS Band students who are currently in the music industry: Music Educators, Military Band performers, professional touring and recording artists, recording studio engineer, opera performers and jazz artists.
- St. Louis Cardinals World Series Parade (2011)
- Performances in the King Kamehameha Parade and at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii (2006 and 2012)
- Performances at St. Louis Cardinal Games (Annual)
- Music Festivals and sight-seeing around the country (examples include New Orleans, Orlando, New York City, Chicago, Washington D.C., Myrtle Beach, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Nashville and Toronto)
- Marching Band performances in the Edward Jones Dome, Busch Stadium, Mizzou's Faurot Field, Lindenwood University Stadium and SIUC Stadium
- 2 Award Winning Jazz Bands (1 is a class, the other meets 1 night per week)
- 3 Award winning Concert Bands
- Consistent student membership in All-Suburban Band/Jazz Band
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