

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families,

I am writing to inform you that instrument demonstrations are taking place Sept. 5-8 at your child's school. Below is more detailed information about the MPSD's elementary band and orchestra program. We hope you choose to join this rewarding part of many Marshfield students' education. If your child would like to join our instrument program, please click on the link at the bottom of this notice to register.

**If your child is returning to elementary band or orchestra on the same instrument as last year, you do not need to do anything.** Your child's instrumental music teacher will contact you soon about the start of lessons and morning band/orchestra. If your child chooses not to participate, you will only get one more reminder about registration and nothing else. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

David Kaminski, Coordinator of Music, MPSD

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**Schedule for demonstrations:**

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Martinson & Governor Winslow
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – South River & Eames Way
- Thursday, Sept. 7 – Daniel Webster

**Please consider the following as you discuss joining our program with your child:**

- Instrumental students are pulled out of class once per week for a lesson. Our students also have full band or orchestra before school on the same day as their lesson (4th grade band join full band this December, morning orchestra is only for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students.) All of this is free of charge to you.
- Making time to practice at home (15 to 30 min. daily is recommended) is essential to success.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders may only sign up for strings (see form), 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders may sign up for any instrument. 5th graders will not attend demonstrations and MUST enroll in private lessons if they are beginners.
- Your child must indicate three instrument choices on the registration form. Having students on a variety of instruments creates a much better musical and educational experience for everyone.

**Informational meetings/rental nights:**

**Strings - Monday September 11h, MHS cafeteria 7:00pm**

**Band - Tuesday September 12th, MHS cafeteria 7:00pm**

**We strongly encourage all new instrument student parents to attend the meeting.** Staff will be onhand to answer questions and give instrument assignments. Rental company representatives will be in attendance to complete rental agreements if you chose, and sell necessary books and materials.

**Please click on the following link to submit a registration form:**

- Please register even if you do not plan to rent.
- Please wait until your child has attended the school demonstration before making your final instrument choices.
- **Registrations are due by noon, Monday, Sept. 11.** The link is also on your school's webpage.

[SIGN UP ONLINE HERE!!!](#)

**Please contact us with any questions:**

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