

MacPhail Instrumental Music Information

Dear 4-8th Grade Parent or Guardian:

The Day School and MacPhail Center for Music are pleased to announce our continued collaboration. The information contained in this flier pertains to the Day School Band program. All instruction takes place at school. The program is open to students in 4th-8th grades. Instrumental music instruction is offered on the following band instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion (drums and mallet instruments). Students learn these instruments in small group lessons and are expected to regularly practice their instruments.

The information in this flier is tentative as some final plans are still being completed. A packet with more specific information will be sent home about the instrumental music program a few weeks after school starts.

Because of scheduling, the only opportunity to enroll in the program is in the fall.

MacPhail Demonstration Day for Grade 4 Students -Tuesday, November 2, 2010

The MacPhail faculty will be at HMJDS for a demonstration for Grade 4 students on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The exact start time of this demonstration will be communicated in the fall packet (tentatively scheduled for 9:00 A.M.). Parents are welcome to attend. Students will have the opportunity to see and hear the instruments

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Lesson Information

Grades 7 and 8: Students in grades seven and eight will have band twice a week during the second and third trimesters. Ensemble will meet on Tuesdays from 8:00-8:30 A.M. Group lessons will take place from 8:30-9:00 A.M. and then 7-8 students will meet for a second band session on Thursdays from 8:10-8:55 A.M.

Grades 5 and 6: Students in grades five and six will have band once a week during the second and third trimesters. Ensemble will meet on Tuesdays from 8:00-8:30 A.M. Group lessons will take place from 8:30-9:00 A.M.

Grade 4: Students in grade four will have group lessons from 9:00-9:45 on Tuesdays for the second trimester (November 30th-February 22nd). During the third trimester grade four students will have group lessons from 9:00-9:30 A.M. on Tuesdays and then Ensemble from 9:30-10:00 A.M.

Family Financial Obligations

Each family is responsible for :

- 1) **purchasing the student instructional book**
- 2) **providing the actual instrument that will be played**
- 3) **a folding metal music stand which needs to be brought every band day and**
- 4) **enrollment/ instruction fee for students in Grades 4-6.**

Students in Grades 4-6 have an additional fee because of the enhanced music instruction.

The cost of the program for students in Grades 4-6 will be dependent on the number enrolled in the program. Last year the total cost of the program was \$350 per student. This figure may change this year depending on the number of students enrolled.

Please note that students in Grades 4-6 will receive ap-

proximately 24 sessions of instruction during the year. An hour of music instruction at a semi-private studio in the Twin Cities area costs on average \$55.00. The total cost for a comparable program of instruction would run close to \$1,300.

There is no additional charge for students in Grades 7-8 since elective instruction is included in their tuition.

How to Enroll in the Program

Students in Grade 4-6: If your child is interested in the program please fill out the Application for HMJDS/MacPhail Instrumental Music Program that will be sent home with students in the fall.

The Application Deadline will be November 5, 2010.

Students in Grades 7 and 8: Students will enroll for band as an elective class for their Tuesday and Thursday morning classes for the 2nd and 3rd trimester. **Students must have prior band experience for this grade level.**

Instrument Selection

The program will try to accommodate the student's first instrument selection, but due to space and teacher availability at MacPhail it is asked that each student in Grade 4 also include a second choice. This is needed to balance instrumental sections for ensemble playing. Every attempt will be made to give everyone their first choice of instrument, but the final decision will be made

by the directors at MacPhail.

Students who have participated in the program previously (Grades 5-8) are encouraged to continue instruction on their instrument. If you are considering switching to another instrument please make sure to discuss this with Mr. Shaw.

How Can I Help My Child to Succeed in the Program?

There are several ways you can help your child:

1. Encourage your child to practice their instrument and help them find a time to do regular practice.
2. Encourage your child to do their best and have fun.

3. Remind your child to bring their instrument and their lesson book to school each Tuesday (and Thursday for grade 7-8 students).

Parent Meeting-November 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

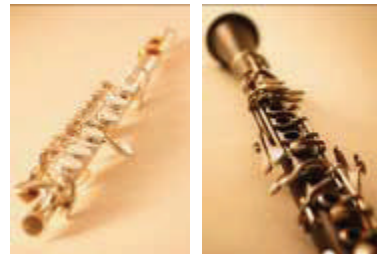


On **November 16th** there will be a meeting of all Grade 4-8 band parents at 7:00 P.M. During this meeting there will be a representative from Eckroth Music available at the Day School to assist you with an instrument lease. A member of the MacPhail staff will be on hand to answer questions

about lessons and practice requirements of the program.

Information about the delivery of this year's program will be communicated to families that attend the Band Parent meeting. If your family needs to lease an instrument, there are many music stores in the area that offer lease-to-own programs.

Please be aware that it is not possible to switch to a different instrument during the school year because scheduling of the MacPhail faculty is based on enrollment numbers per a full year commitment to the same instrument.



Questions

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Shaw after the start of school.