



Winchester Public Schools Department of Music

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NOW ENROLLING!

2009-2010 Musical Instrument Lessons for students in grades 3, 4, and 5

It is time to sign up for musical instrument lessons! Winchester Public Schools offers an extensive program of instrument lessons and ensembles for students in grades 3 – 12. Our hope is that lessons begun in elementary school lead to an enriching life long activity. Every year, our WHS seniors let us know how important band and orchestra have been to them as they progress through their schooling.

We offer group lessons on traditional band and orchestra instruments. If your child is interested in learning to play a **stringed instrument** (violin, viola, cello, or bass), lessons start in 3rd grade. **Woodwind** (flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone) and **brass** (trumpet, horn, baritone or trombone) lessons start in 4th grade. In 5th grade students may begin **percussion (snare drum and bells)**. Lessons are organized by instrument family and level, with beginner, 2nd and 3rd year groups. Students are encouraged to begin an instrument the first year it is offered, although “late beginners” are welcome in the 1st year group if it meets before school. Teachers will support these students in their efforts to “catch up” and they may be moved into the class with their classmates as their progress allows.

OUR TEACHERS

Woodwinds and Percussion are taught by Ms. Priscilla Miller (pmiller@winchester.k12.ma.us), who also teaches Jazz Band at McCall and Concert/Marching Band and Jazz Band at WHS. Brass students are taught by Ms. Jeanne Snodgrass (jsnodgrass@winchester.k12.ma.us), who also teaches at McCall, and Strings are taught by Mrs. Adrienne Caselle (acaselle@winchester.k12.ma.us), who also teaches 6th Grade orchestra at McCall.

INSTRUMENT INFORMATION:

You will need to make arrangements for an instrument. You may purchase or rent an instrument, but please be aware that many of the inexpensive instruments available at online auction sites and with online or big box retailers can prove unusable. Also, with strings, having the instrument fit the student is critical (strings instruments come in different sizes). Used instruments can be fine, but again, exercise caution if you’re not purchasing from a local music store that you trust. The teachers above will be happy to try out a new or used instrument you are considering buying in an effort to save everyone some frustration!

If you decide to rent an instrument, we have been pleased with the service provided over the years by Johnson Strings in Newton for stringed instruments and K&C Music Company in Norwood for woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. For percussion, please rent a kit that includes a drum pad as well as a set of orchestra bells. Call these companies ahead of time to make arrangements and they will deliver to Winchester as follows: **Johnson Strings**, 617-964-0954, will be at the Winchester Community Music School, Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM. **K&C Music Company**, 781-769-6520, will deliver to the Winchester High School auditorium the same night, September 8, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Deadline to Enroll: October 16, 2009

We have a limited supply of school-owned instruments for students whose financial need might limit their ability to take lessons. If you would like a school instrument it is helpful if you register and let us know during the early registration period. If any instruments are available beyond this we are happy to loan them on a first come first served basis. In this case there is a maintenance fee of \$35 for cleaning and maintenance. Families are responsible for repairs and replacement in case of accidental damage.

LESSON SCHEDULE

Lessons begin at each of the elementary schools starting the week of September 14th. Lessons occur between 7:45 AM and about 10:00 AM; students receive one 45-minute lesson per week on the same day each week. Lessons are cancelled for MCAS testing, if there is a delayed opening, or if a teacher is out and we are unable to schedule a substitute (we'll alert families with an email). Barring too many ill timed snow days a minimum of 28 lessons will be taught during the course of a year, usually several more than this. Please help your child remember his/her instrument and book on lesson day. They don't need to bring a music stand. A schedule of days and times will be distributed in the fall.

COST & APPLICATION DEADLINES

The cost of group lessons is \$350.00 for the full year for registrations mailed before July 31. From August 1 through mid-October the cost is \$400.00. Students new to the district will be admitted for a prorated fee anytime during the year. Students who start lessons in September but drop out before October 31 will receive a full refund of fees paid. After 10/31 there is no refund.

INSTALLMENTS

Families may pay for lessons in three installments. Please fill out the forms at the end of this packet and send your first payment with the installment form *and* the enrollment form.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

We welcome donations to provide financial assistance to students who might otherwise be unable to study an instrument. If you wish to donate funds please indicate this at the bottom of the registration form.

TO SIGN UP FOR ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Fill out the **Registration Form** and attach your **check** for the entire amount or for the first installment made out to *Winchester Public Schools*. Mail to: Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Rd., Winchester, MA 01890.

Deadline to Enroll: October 16, 2009

**Musical Instrument Lessons, grades 3 - 5
2009-2010 REGISTRATION FORM**

To enroll your child in instrumental group lessons, please fill out the following form and return it as soon as possible to:
Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, 01890.

Please use one form per student and include the registration fee as indicated below. Checks (one per registration form) should be made out to Winchester Public Schools.

Date of application: _____ School: _____
Student Name: _____ 09-10 Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please print clearly!

INSTRUMENT CHOICE (circle one)

Strings

(3rd-4th-5th Grade)

Violin

Viola

Cello

Bass

Woodwinds

(4th-5th Grade)

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Brass

(4th-5th Grade)

Trumpet

French Horn

Trombone

Baritone

Percussion

(5th Grade only)

Drum and Bells

YEARS OF LESSONS ON INSTRUMENT PRIOR TO 09-10

None

1 Year

2 Years

3 or more Years

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE FEE OPTION

- Early Registration: \$350 through July 31
- Regular Registration \$400 August 1 – October 16
- I would like to use the installment plan (Please attach the form with your first payment.)
- I request a scholarship, we can afford to pay _____ of the \$350 fee.

School Instruments (limited availability)

- I request use of a school-owned instrument for the year based on financial need.
- I request use of a school –owned instrument if one is available, no financial need (first come first served).

Contributions

- I am contributing to help those who need financial assistance. I have enclosed a scholarship in the amount of \$_____ We greatly appreciate your donation!!

Deadline to Enroll: October 16, 2009

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received:

Amount received:

Check #:

Final Deadline to Enroll: October 17, 2008



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2009-2010 Installment Plan

Date: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: 08-09 _____

Parent Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Fees Due:

- Early Enrollment periods: \$350, if enrolled *by* July 31, 2009
- Regular Enrollment: \$400, if enrolled between August 1 – October 16, 2009

Payment Plan:

	Early Registration	Regular Registration
	If Enrolled by 7/31/09	Enrolled <i>between</i> 8/1/09-10/16/09
Payment #1:	\$150 due with registration	\$200 due with registration
Payment #2:	\$100, due by 9/1/09	\$200, due by 11/1/09
Payment #3:	\$100, due by 10/1/09	
Total Fees	\$350	\$400

Instructions:

1. Fill out form and send to Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, 01890.
2. If you are enrolling more than one child, please use one form per student.
3. Make checks payable to *Winchester Public Schools*.
4. Include a payment stub with each payment to help us track what you are paying for.
5. Send all payments to Sam Rippin.
6. \$25.00 late fee will be assessed for all late payments (2nd & 3rd payments)

**Payment #1: Due with Registration Form
Winchester Public Schools Musical Instrument Lessons**

Circle one:

If registered by 7/31/09:	If registered <i>between</i> 8/1/09 – 10/16/09
\$150, due <i>by</i> 7/31/09 with registration form	\$200, due by 10/16/09 with registration form

Parent's Name _____ School: _____

Student's Name _____ 07-08 Grade: _____

Attach payment to this payment stub. Make checks payable to *Winchester Public Schools*. Send payment to Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, 01890.

**Payment #2
Winchester Public Schools Elementary Instrumental Music Lessons**

Circle one:

If registered by 7/31/09	If registered <i>between</i> 8/1/09 – 10/16/09
\$100, due by 9/1/09	\$200, due by 11/1/09

Please add \$25.00 late fee for late payments

Parent's Name _____ School: _____

Student's Name _____ 07-08 Grade: _____

Attach payment to this payment stub. Make checks payable to *Winchester Public Schools*. Send payment to Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, 01890.

**Payment #3
Winchester Public Schools Elementary Instrumental Music Lessons**

If Enrolled by 7/31/09
\$100, due by 10/1/09

Please add \$25.00 late fee for late payments

Parent's Name _____ School: _____

Student's Name _____ 07-08 Grade: _____

Attach payment to this payment stub. Make checks payable to *Winchester Public Schools*. Send payment to Sam Rippin, Director of Finance, Winchester Public Schools, 154 Horn Pond Brook Road, 01890.