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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Each year around this time a new group of students eagerly await their turn to join the **Tiger Band Program here in the Twinsburg City School District**. The study of music can be one of the most valuable steps in your child's education. Our experiences in music have convinced us that any child willing to put in a reasonable amount of effort will be successful.

Some of the benefits your child can gain from participation in the Band Program are:

- Increased sense of responsibility
- Mental discipline
- Ability to work together as a team
- Enhanced self-esteem
- Lasting enjoyment and a life-long appreciation of music
- Adding to a well-rounded and complete educational experience

Beginning band class is currently being organized. The first step in the process is to attend the **5th Grade Band Parent Meeting** where the schedule, lessons, and instruments will be explained. Due to the information being discussed, it is important that at least one parent or guardian attend this meeting. The meeting will take place: **Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00 PM** in the **George G. Dodge Auditorium**. If you are unable to attend, email and we will set up an appointment time for you and your child. Please keep in mind that to ensure greater student success and to maintain a balanced band, students should be flexible and consider at least two instrument options during this process.

During this brief meeting I will be speaking about expectations for beginning band students, providing information on instrument rental/purchase options, checking used instruments, and suggestions of specific brands to purchase. There will be an opportunity to begin renting instruments at the end of the meeting, so it is suggested that parents/guardians come prepared to rent.

Pellegrino Music Center is the principal company that we deal with for renting. While it is not necessary to contact them before the meeting, their info is listed (pellegrinomusic.com –330-498-8400). There is also additional information about instrument brands on the bottom of this page for those that may not rent. As mentioned above, if you already have an instrument for your student, please consider bringing it to the informational meeting, and we would be glad to look it over for you.

In addition to Pellegrino's Music, there will also be information from a few other local music retailers. Any of these retailers will be able to provide your student with a quality instrument.

The Twinsburg Band Program firmly believes that every child should have the chance to learn and participate in music. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, our information is available on the first page of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Bonitz & Mr. Thomas Resnick, Jr.

INSTRUMENTS

Every positive factor that we as teachers and parents can contribute to the beginning band student should be considered. It is easy for a student to become discouraged if he or she is using poor or broken equipment. Over the years I have found that the following brands of instruments work best for young players:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Brand</u>
Trumpet	Yamaha, King, Selmer, Conn, Olds
Trombone	Yamaha, King, Selmer, Conn, Olds
French Horn	Conn, Yamaha, King, Olds
Clarinet	Yamaha, Selmer, Buffet
Saxophone	Yamaha, Selmer, Conn, Buescher
Flute	Gemeinhardt, Yamaha, Selmer, Armstrong
Percussion	Ludwig, Pearl, Dynasty
Snare Drum Sticks	Vic Firth SD1
Mallets	Musser M24

Unfortunately, some non-music companies create instruments that are not of a reliable quality. These instruments break down easily, and many retailers are hesitant to repair them. *If you have any question over a brand or model of instrument, please contact Mr. Bonitz for advisement before purchase.*

BEGINNING BAND MEETING FOR PARENTS
Tuesday, September 6th, 2016
7:00PM
George G. Dodge Auditorium

REGISTRATION FOR BEGINNING BAND
(please print)
(Return to Mr. Bonitz or Mr. Resnick)

Name of Student _____

Address _____ **Telephone** _____

Parents/Guardian Name _____

Parents/Guardian E-mail _____

Classroom Teacher _____

_____ **We are planning to attend the parent meeting.**

_____ **We are unable to attend the meeting, but still interested in having our student in band**

Parent/Guardian Signature