

FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMER BEGINNING BAND

To: Parents of students entering Fifth or Sixth Grade
From: Jed O’Leary, Band Instructor
Re: Summer Beginning Band Program
Date: May, 2009

Summer Beginning Band will be offered to all students entering grades five and six. All classes will be held in the Middle School Music Rooms. There will be two phases to the schedule. During the first six days of band, two 25-minute individual lessons should be scheduled on any days and times that are convenient for you (June 1,2,3,4,5, and 9 between 8:00-11:00 and 12:00-4:00). Registration for these lessons may be completed through a link titled “Summer Beginning Band” on the Fremont Middle School web site at <http://www.fpsweb.org/FMS/middleSchool.html>. Please note that this link will not be active until around May 15th. These lessons may also be registered by contacting Mr. O’Leary via phone or email.

For the second phase, all students will meet together as a band. Students should plan on attending one-hour rehearsals at either 10:00 or 1:00 each day, but are welcome to attend both times if they wish.

The tuition for the instrumental music classes is \$20.00 payable before May 29th. Checks should be made payable to “Fremont Public Schools”. Tuition can be given to your school principal or secretary or mailed to the Middle School – Summer Band Program, 540 Johnson Road, Fremont NE 68025.

Band classes will meet the following days in the month of June.

June 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lessons	2 Lessons	3 Lessons	4 Lessons	5 Lessons	6
7	8 Lessons	9 Band	10 Band	11 Band	12	13
14	15	16 Band	17 Band	18 Band	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

If you cannot attend a scheduled time due to a conflict, or need additional information, please contact Mr. O’Leary: 727-3114 (music office), 727-3188x5495 (voicemail), or jed.oleary@fpsmail.org (e-mail)

Registration Form – Detach and return with payment

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Check No. _____

Fremont Public Schools

BEGINNING SUMMER BAND REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PARENT: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

Band will be held during the times listed above. Tuition is \$20.00. Please attach check or cash to this form and return it by **May 29th** to:

Elementary Principal’s Office or
 Mail to: Fremont Middle School, Attn. Summer Beginning Band, 540 Johnson Road
 Fremont, NE 68025

FREMONT ELEMENTARY BANDS

To: Parents of Fifth and Sixth Grade Students
From: Jed O'Leary, Steve Steager, Instrumental Music Specialists
Re: Summer Beginning Band

The Fremont Public Schools will be offering beginning Band instruction to students who have finished 4th and 5th grade. Band classes will meet during the month of June.

Instruction will be offered on **Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba and Percussion**. In order for your child to participate in these classes, it will be necessary for you to make arrangements for an instrument. (*Tubas, Baritones, French Horns, Bassoons and Oboes are available from the school in a limited supply*) Music stores offer very reasonable rental or lease plans for many instruments. **There will be an instrument display on Monday, May 18th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fremont Middle School cafeteria.** You may rent an instrument at that time, alleviating a trip into Omaha or Lincoln.

The Fremont Public Schools Instrumental music program does have prerequisites for students that wish to play saxophone or percussion (drums). Saxophone players must begin on clarinet and finish the first book before they are allowed to play the saxophone. This is done for a number of reasons: the clarinet is cheaper to rent, easier to carry to school, and students play the saxophone more readily after learning the clarinet. Students wishing to play percussion must have three years of piano lessons. This is required because percussionists do not just play the drums. They also play xylophone, bells, timpani, triangle, tambourine etc., and having the ability to read musical pitches is essential. Percussion students spend the first year learning to play the bells.

Band classes will continue to be available to your child through the 12th grade. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school band opens up a whole world of opportunities, friendship and fun. Your child will be able to take advantage of music performances with bands at the middle school and senior high school levels. The opportunities for playing a band instrument after high school are abundant, with many colleges and universities offering scholarships for band participation. Music provides a great foundation for your child in all aspects of life. Music study teaches about culture and has even been identified as an intelligence that all people possess. Music teaches feeling skills in the same way core academic subjects teach thinking skills. In addition to musical benefits, students learn self-discipline, group cooperation, problem solving, goal setting, self-expression, memory skills, concentration, poise, enhanced physical coordination, high self-esteem, and the importance of teamwork - all skills in great demand in almost every aspect of life. Like all the arts, music has a profound effect on the academic success of students as well.

If you wish to enroll your child, please attend the display if you are in need of an instrument or would like to get more information. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us at **727-3114** or through the contact information listed below.

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