

Summer, 2020

Hello BJAMS Families!

This will be my sixth year teaching instrumental music at BJAMS! It is wonderful to see that in the past six years the program has gone from 3 students to 28 students!

So how does one join the band? Simple. First, you need to be in 3rd-8th grade. Second, come up to me and say "I want to join the band"! ☺ Send me an e-mail if you think your child has 'an interest' at least so I can make sure you are on the e-mail list for upcoming meetings! Here are some dates to remember if you are new members.

Wednesday, September 2 is a mandatory meeting at 6 o'clock for all **NEW** band families. It will be a ZOOM meeting. (More details as we get closer.) This will be geared for the parents so I can answer any questions you may have. We will go over expectations, curriculum, sanitation/playing safely, and rental forms. Normally students are encouraged to attend so they can see, touch, and even play instruments unfortunately, that won't be the case this year. But they can sit in on the ZOOM meeting! The meeting will be about 30 minutes.

We will be using Ellis Music again for our rental program. Ellis Music is usually in the area on Fridays. This will be covered during the meeting for new members as to how this works. For **returning families**, contact Ellis directly www.ellismusic.com or by phone 802-234-6400 to schedule instrument rental and delivery! Do this no later than Monday, September 7th. I will have the list of books needed for new students. There are also a few instruments at the school that students can use as well. Please contact me for a list of what we have!

Lower School students (3rd and 4th grade) will have lessons and band on Thursdays. Upper School students (5th-8th grade) will have lessons and band on Wednesdays. There will be a band schedule available once I know the full school schedule in mid-August. I am planning on starting lessons on September 16th and 17th.

Please feel free to e-mail any questions you may have to me at hboucher@bjams.org. I look forward to expanding your children's musical experience here at BJAMS!

Sincerely,

Holly Boucher