Dear 6th Grade Band Parents and Caregivers:

Welcome to 6th Grade Beginning Band. This is a truly Beginning Band class. Your child does not need any previous experience playing an instrument or reading music. Attached to this email is a Google Slide presentation introducing all instrument choices: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, and Percussion (xylophone). I have inserted multiple video samples of each instrument to give your child a sense of sound and overall instrument presentation. Once your child has selected the instrument they want to play please complete the google form instrument selection form so they are placed in the correct class.

Come fall, they will need to rent an instrument if they do not have one. Below are the steps for renting an instrument from Music & Arts Music Store. Please do not purchase a random inexpensive instrument on amazon or other sites. These instruments are often poor in quality and lead to bigger expenses. Worst of all, they are no fun to play and difficult to learn on.

How to rent an instrument:
1. Go to: https://www.musicarts.com/rentals
2. Select (10 month) rental.

What does my child need?
- Traditions of Excellence – Book 1 (for the instrument your child is playing).
- #2 Reeds for clarinets and saxophones only.
- Valve oil for trumpet and trombone players.
- **The Starter Pack is optional. It comes with a music stand, cleaners and other supplies.

How do I get my instrument?
1. Go to: https://stores.musicarts.com/
2. Ship/delivery to school or home.
3. Pick up delivery, stores located in: (Livingston, Wayne, Paramus & Milburn).

I’m hoping all students will have their instruments by September 16th. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
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