



NORTHERN YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-24 Beginning Instrumental Program

Dear NYCSD 4th Grade Families,

Sept 1, 2023

In 4th grade, students can join the band or orchestra. There will be an informational parent meeting to help with this process on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Northern High School Auditorium**. If you cannot attend this event, the information will be available on the Northern Music Department Website or the email below (northernpolarbears.com > For Parents > Music Department – NYCSD). The event will include information about the Beginning Instrumental Program, opportunities for students to test out the instruments, get sized for string instruments, and information about obtaining instruments. You will have the opportunity to rent an instrument that night if you want to. If you already own an instrument that you would like your child to use, we ask that you bring it to the meeting on Sept. 5th for us to assess; we will be happy to ensure that it is in good working condition. Alternatively, you can also reach out to Menchey Music at 1-888-636-2439 to set up a separate time for their staff to assess your instrument.

All 4th Graders, please complete the attached Microsoft Form (link and QR code are on the back of this page) by **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 *whether or not*** your child is planning on playing an instrument. *This ensures that all families have received information and opportunity to participate.* This form says your child will be signed up for band or orchestra but is not the rental form. If you are renting an instrument from Menchey Music store, or any other music store, please complete that by Tuesday, September 19th in order for instruments to be ready by the first lesson.

Please do not let the cost of instrument rental keep your child from playing an instrument – a **limited** number of school instruments are available if needed. If any additional information is desired, please feel free to contact an instrumental music director at any time.

Instrumental instruction will continue to be available to your child through 12th grade. Your child will be able to take advantage of various music performance opportunities at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels. The opportunities for playing an instrument are abundant even after High School, with many colleges and universities offering scholarships for participation in musical ensembles. Instrumental music provides a great foundation for your child in all aspects of life. In addition to music, students learn skills such as self-expression, creative thinking, memory skills, concentration, poise, enhanced physical coordination, self-esteem, aesthetic awareness, and the importance of teamwork – skills that are 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.

We look forward to making music with your child!

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Sign up Link:

<https://bit.ly/NYCSDinstruments>

Sing up QR Code:



Menchey Music Instrument Rental QR Code:

