

MCHENRY SCHOOL DISTRICT 15 FIFTH GRADE BEGINNING BAND PROGRAM

Dear Prospective 5th Grade Band Parents:

Welcome to the District 15 registration 2008/2009 school year! We are delighted that your child has expressed an interest in the District 15 after-school band program. In this packet you will find:

- **A band registration form**, which will need to be returned with \$25 to enroll your student in the after-school band program. Checks should be made out to District 15.
- **A list of frequently asked questions** to answer any general questions you have about this program.

In order to select an instrument suitable for his/her interests and abilities, your child will have the opportunity to try out 2-3 instruments of his/her choice, under the supervision of a District 15 band director. We would like to give all 5th graders their first choice of instrument; however, some students will have better success on a different instrument. This is why we will be testing your student, so that we can determine his or her best chance at success playing an instrument in the band program.

To enroll your student in band, you will need to follow these three easy steps:

- 1) Turn in the registration form to your student's band teacher through the school office.
- 2) See a music dealer to rent an instrument as well as purchase the book and a portable music stand before the first class. (Students may also option to purchase instrument cleaning kit for their instrument.)
- 3) Pay the \$25 registration fee. Checks only please. NO cash or charges.

This process of learning an instrument is a positive and fulfilling experience if we work together as student, parent, and teacher. The staff is looking forward to an exciting year in District 15 band program and we are looking forward to teaching and working with your student.

Please feel free to contact you school's band teacher via email if you have any questions. We are greatly looking forward to teaching your student in the District 15 Fifth Grade Band Program!

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