

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your children had a great summer and an exciting beginning to the new school year! Enthusiasm is definitely in the air, and it is so refreshing.

**With that in mind it is now time to begin instrumental music lessons!** I am *Mr. Greg Grispart (Mr. G)*, the Instrumental Music (*Band*) teacher.

As your child's Instrumental Music teacher, I will be providing rich listening opportunities to discover new musical artists, composers, and genres! For a demonstration video of me demonstrating all the band instruments click [here](#)!

➤ To register for the band program visit, "**Mr. G's Band Page**"! It can be located on the web at [www.grispartg.weebly.com](http://www.grispartg.weebly.com). You will want to click on the tab that says, "**Band Sign-ups and Info**". Fill out the Google Form and your information will be sent directly to me. In that tab you will also find information and resources that will prove extremely helpful to you and your children. Feel free to check out my introduction video to all the instruments offered in the band program.

### **TAKE ADVANTAGE!**

This opportunity to engage your child in some truly creative independent activity is truly one of the best enhancements to your child's learning! Private Lessons outside of school generally cost \$1/minute and are not always taught by professional educators with training and certification who are also musicians. To find out more about my professional credentials and experience check out my bio by clicking [here](#).

### **Class Overview**

Instrumental lessons will be offered **In-Person** once a week during the school day. You and your child will be emailed a schedule with their day and time for band class. **All Students** will receive a code for their Google Classroom. **No experience is necessary to join band!**

## **Instrumental Music Lessons are offered to all 4th and 5th grade students!**

**\*\*Lessons will be once a week for 40 minutes\*\***

- 4th Graders signing up for the first time can sign up online by clicking [Here](#).
- **I am asking that all 5th graders who played last year and would like to continue in the program to sign-up again.** You can do so by clicking [Here](#).
- **Once you sign-up you will be enrolled in the program!**
- **Any 5th grader that did not play last year is welcome to begin this year!** I encourage you to join the band!
- **After signing up, begin the process of renting your band instrument.** Instruments will be shipped to your school. If you already have an instrument, then you are good to go!
- **If you have rented your instrument from NEMC** by Friday, September 22, 2023 you should have it for the first week of Band Instruction. If not, you will have it by the second week of Band Instruction. The faster you rent online at <https://www.nemc.com/rentals/> the quicker you will receive your instrument!
- **If you have rented your instrument from elsewhere or have your own**, please make sure you have all the necessary supplies to keep the instrument well maintained. Check my website under (click link) [“Band Sign-ups and Info”](#) to see what is needed for your instrument.
- **All Band Students** will need the book. For all instruments it is, “Standard of Excellence” Book 1 for their respective instrument. Please be aware that if you rented an instrument from NEMC that a book **IS NOT** included in the rental! If your instrument came from elsewhere you will need to order it for the cost of \$11.99 - \$12.99. It can simply be ordered on NEMC’s website at <https://www.nemc.com/rentals/>.
- **Lessons will begin the week of September 25, 2023.** You will be sent an email with information and a google classroom code for your lesson group.

If you happen to have any additional questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at [grispartg@middletownk12.org](mailto:grispartg@middletownk12.org).

Thank you for allowing your children to experience the joy of making music in the Middletown Elementary Band Program and I look forward to working with each one of them this year!!

Sincerely,

*Gregory Grispart*

**Instrumental Music**

**New Monmouth, Fairview, and Ocean Avenue Elementary Schools**