



A Word about private lessons...

The quality of the musical ensembles at Guyer High School will be reflected by the quality of its members. Every student musician plays a vital role in the success of the program. This letter is being written to congratulate you on the work of your student and to encourage you to make a small investment in his or her future. Just as a successful athletic team needs the best athlete at every position, our band needs a strong musician seated in every chair!

It is important that students strive for excellence in all their endeavors. As students play their instruments better, they seem to gain more from the musical experience. The feeling of accomplishment through musical performance directly increases their sense of self-worth. It is always amazing to see how this improvement is reflected in better attitudes, better grades and a brighter outlook on life.

Our regular rehearsals will allow the musicians to assemble and work together to prepare music of artistic and entertainment value. The culmination of their hard work will be presented to you in our concerts, festivals or athletic events. Though I'm sure we will achieve a fine performance level, I can't imagine what the group would be like if every student studied privately. As your child continues to improve, so will our ensemble. And as our ensemble gets better, your child has a better overall experience.

One of the most important ways to improve as a musician is through private lessons. There is no substitute for weekly sessions of individualized instruction by an instrument specialist. Private lesson instructors serve as an ideal model and mentor to assist in your child's improvement in the areas of tone, technique and general musicianship. The helpful hints or minor adjustments suggested by the instructor can greatly improve your child's playing ability.

Private instrument lessons are a small investment that helps insure your child's success. I have enclosed a list of teachers that have agreed to teach privately for Guyer High School this summer. I'm sure they will be able to fit lessons into your child's summer schedule. If you would like more information about private lessons, please contact me.

Thank you for your support of your most precious gift - your child. Continuing your child's musical growth will be yet another investment in enriching his or her quality of life.

Sincerely,

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