



# LISGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 6 Students,

In Grades 7 and 8, the Lisgar Middle School music program provides opportunities for musical excellence through both **General** and **Instrumental Music**. Students develop an understanding of the basic elements of music through listening, performing, and creating. All Lisgar Middle School students receive music instruction. The Instrumental Music program is an optional program and unless you specifically choose this program, your child will be enrolled in the General Music program. **Please note that changes to music placements cannot be made after May 31, 2019.**

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The goal of the Instrumental Music program is to teach your child to play a **band** instrument. This is a cost effective way (compared to private lessons and the purchase of an instrument) to further your child's musical development and we encourage you to consider this program. By signing up for instrumental music you and your child are making a long-term commitment to the program. Please understand that learning an instrument requires time and perseverance but with daily practise there are many benefits to be gained.

**If your child is definitely not planning on taking Instrumental Music, you are not obligated to take any further action at this point. Your child will be automatically placed into a General Music class.** However, if you are planning an instrumental music education for your child, you must read the following carefully.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EXPECTATIONS

The following are expectations of the student in the Instrumental Music program:

- to be prepared for class (instrument, music, and notes)
- to attend practices for extra-curricular instrumental music activities; and concerts
- to practise their instrument at home and to improve their technique and learn the assigned music.

### **A. IF YOU NEED TO RENT AN INSTRUMENT**

Those who select Instrumental Music for the 2019/2020 school year and need to rent their instrument will enter into a rental agreement with **Cosmo Music Company Ltd.** The **rental fee** for instruments is **\$200.00 including HST.** Cosmo Music provides quality instruments, normal "wear and tear" repairs (including pickup and delivery from the school on a weekly basis), and a deluxe instrument protection plan. In order to maintain a favourable average cost to you, regardless of the instrument, the number and type of instruments need to be balanced.

Please complete the attached Instrumental Music Application Form and return it to your child's MUSIC TEACHER **no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE MONIES AT THIS TIME.**

Upon the return of the Instrumental Music Application Form, we will assign an instrument from your child's three selections and your child will be given a Cosmo Music Rental Contract and Agreement for you to complete as well as a Method Book order form.

**B. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BAND INSTRUMENT AND DO NOT NEED TO RENT AN INSTRUMENT**

Please complete the attached Instrumental Music Application Form and return it to your child's music teacher **no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Upon the return of the Instrumental Music Application Form and the assignment of the band instrument that you own, your child will be given a Method Book order form.

**INSTRUMENT SELECTION**

**Although we try to give students their first selection of an instrument, this is not always possible as we must ensure a balance of instrumentation in our band classes and for cost averaging. You and your child should be prepared to accept the instrument that has been assigned to you.**

First selections are easy, however, please carefully consider the second and third selections. Of course, if you own a band instrument, you will be assigned that instrument (unless it is percussion or electric bass where certain limits per class apply). Please note: acoustic and/or electric guitars, piano, and stringed orchestral instruments are not a part of Lisgar's Instrumental Music program.

**Percussion and Electric Bases**

The number of percussionists and bassists in each music class is limited.

**Alto and Tenor Saxophones**

To ensure a balance of instrumentation in our band classes and to keep your costs down, the number of saxophones in the program is limited and, therefore, may only be chosen as a **First Preference Instrument**. **Please note that saxophone players should be prepared to fully participate in the extra-curricular band activities.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Giroux (ext. 108).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. R. Giroux/Ms. C. Kalina

# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC APPLICATION FORM

Due Date: by April 12, 2019

Student's Name M / F (Circle) \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Musical Training or Lessons? (does not include school-related activities)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUMENT SELECTION

First Selection  
(Circle One)

Second Selection  
(Circle One)

Third Selection  
(Circle One)

Flute

Flute

Flute

Clarinet

Clarinet

Clarinet

Alto Sax

Trumpet

Trumpet

Tenor Sax

Trombone

Trombone

Trumpet

Trombone

Electric Bass

Percussion

Do you already own an instrument listed above? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, which instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to rent or provide an instrument for my son/daughter for each year that they attend Lisgar Middle School if he/she is accepted into the Instrumental Music program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S MUSIC TEACHER**