

Ferndale Public Schools Summer Band and Orchestra 2009

Dear Students and Parents,

During the summer, it is easy for kids to say “I’ll practice next week,” and soon it’s next month, then the new school year, and “next week” never happened. That is why we are happy to announce the return of Summer Band and Orchestra!

This three-week program will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from July 13 to July 30, and the final concert will take place Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 PM. We are also considering having optional fun activities on Fridays for any students that are interested. All instructional sessions of the program will take place at Ferndale High School. Mr. Jamison and Mr. Moy will lead the ensemble rehearsals, and sectional coaches will offer small group instruction every single day.

The program is open to all band and orchestra students with at least one year of experience who are entering grades 5-8 in the fall of 2009. The fee for the entire program is \$80 for students who are currently enrolled in the Ferndale Public Schools. This works out to about \$6 a day or \$2 an hour! This is a great opportunity to keep playing over the summer, and get individualized small group instruction. The daily schedule will be as follows:

Students entering 5th and 6th Grade

9:00-10:30 Full Ensemble Rehearsal
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:30 Sectionals

Students entering 7th and 8th Grade

9:30-10:15 Sectionals
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 Full Ensemble Rehearsal

The sectional lessons are one of the best aspects of the program. These groups will meet every day, which is 4 times the instruction we were able to offer when we used to do this program 1999-2001. These smaller groups provide far greater focus and individualized instruction than can exist during the school year and are instrument specific – every instrument or section will have its own class, even if there are only a few of a given instrument. Expert players and teachers will lead each class, so students will have excellent instruction in the unique issues for his/her instrument.

As you can see, participation only takes a few hours of a student’s time, plus practice on his/her own – and still leaves them afternoons, evenings, and long weekends. But for that little time, the payoff will be enormous. We attribute a lot of the success of the Ferndale music program over the past few years directly to the last time we offered the Summer Band and Orchestra program.

So please, sign up for summer band and orchestra right away, and don’t miss out on this excellent opportunity to not only keep all the skills you gained this year, but get an edge on your peers in the fall.

If you plan to participate in Summer Band and Orchestra, please fill out the section below, detach and return it with payment to any of the instrumental music teachers in Ferndale. The deadline to return applications is Monday, June 8, 2009. If you have individual questions or concerns, please call Mr. Jamison at (248) 586-8646, or Mr. Moy at (248) 586-8647. We hope to see you this summer!

Please include check for \$80 made payable to Ferndale Middle School Music Boosters.

Name of Student _____ Current School _____

Grade (in fall of 2009) _____ Instrument _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Work/Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Father/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Work/Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Medications? _____

Allergies? _____

Other medical conditions? _____

