

To the parents of incoming JT 5th Grade students:

Due to the interruption of last year's 4th nine weeks, the Justus-Tiawah Band Program was unable to hold the Beginning Band recruitment class for all 4th grade students, in regard to the 2020-2021 5th Grade Beginning Band Class.

Having missed the chance to explain details, and answer questions, I would like to address a few things that may keep your student from missing the opportunity to become a lifelong musician.

1. Your student **DOES NOT** need to know how to play an instrument. We **ALL** begin the year not knowing how to play an instrument. Most students start band without even knowing what instrument they want to play.

2. You **DO NOT** have to already own an instrument. We will spend the first week or so, going over the instruments and their basics. Together, we will come up with the perfect decision for your child. Then, you can decide how to obtain an instrument for your child.

The Tulsa Music Store will come to the JT band room and hold an instrument rental/purchase meeting. You will be able to rent or purchase an instrument from them. You may also find an instrument on your own (Marketplace, Craigslist, family member, etc.).

**\*\*If you are unable to purchase an instrument, the school has a limited number of instruments that may be checked out, for the year.**

I will go **ABOVE AND BEYOND** to make sure your child has the opportunity to learn!

3. Students **NEED** to enroll in Beginning Band their 5th grade year. Students will be unable to enroll at a later grade, as they will have missed the basic fundamentals in 5th Grade.
4. Justus-Tiawah allows students to enroll in band **AND** athletics, at the same time.
5. Instruments and materials are **NOT** shared. All safety precautions will be in place.

The skill of a musician is a skill that your child can carry with them throughout their lifetime. It can also provide means for future scholarships and opportunities.

If you are interested in enrolling your student in band, and have not done so, the schedule **CAN** be changed. Please do not miss this chance to start your child on an exciting path!

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