

## St. Joan of Arc's Beginning Band Program

August 23, 2012

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Each year at this time a new group of students eagerly await their turn to join our band program. The study of music can be one of the most valuable steps in your child's education. Some of the benefits your child can gain from participation in the instrumental music program are an increased sense of responsibility, discipline, the ability to work as a team, enhanced self-esteem, and above all, an enjoyment and life-long appreciation of music. Through my experience, any child that is willing to put in a reasonable amount of effort can succeed.

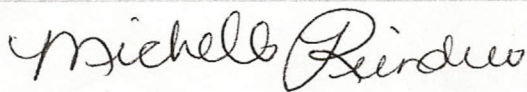
Instrumental class schedules are currently being organized for Beginning Band (grades 4-5) for the 2012-2013 school year. On Tuesday, September 4, I will be conducting instrument playing tests with your child during the school day to determine what instrument he/she would be successful on and to provide an opportunity to try out different instruments. On Monday, September 10, at the Central Catholic High School Band room at 6:00 PM, there will be an informative meeting for you to attend to find out more about the band program at St. Joan of Arc. Pellegrino's Music will be there with instruments on display and to answer questions you may have in regards to purchasing or renting an instrument. Please wait to purchase your instruments until after the meeting to help determine the most reliable option for your student. If you are unable to obtain an instrument for your student, please inform me as soon as possible as there may be other options.

The first day for Beginning Band will be determined once I have received a confirmation of students planning on joining band. Your student's teachers will receive a time schedule that will tell your student when he/she is to go to band. It is essential that each student has his/her instrument and music book (*Standards of Excellence Book #1*) and pencil for this first lesson. Additional music for concerts as well as a warm-up packet will be assigned at this time.

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I firmly believe that every child should have the chance to learn and participate in music. I hope that you will consider your child's participation in the band program at St. Joan of Arc and continue the tradition of musical excellence in our school. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the Band Program at St. Joan of Arc Elementary School, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,



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