

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SEVENTY-THREE**  
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September 15, 2010

Dear Parents:

Instrumental music instruction is available for children who desire to participate in our fine school band program. We hope you have given some thought to this important phase in your child's education. The student who learns to play and instrument not only becomes part of an old and noble art, but learns discipline, cooperation with others, and a new way to a fuller and richer life. An instrumental music program automatically places your child in a worthwhile school activity. Our Oakview Concert Band has been recognized as one of the finest bands in this part of the state.

Beginning band students are drawn from both the fourth and fifth grades and their instruction continues through eighth grade. Each beginner will be given a 20 to 30 minute small group lesson once a week during school hours. In addition to the lessons, pupils will attend a weekly band rehearsal during school. All lessons and rehearsals are free of charge.

This year, students desiring a flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or percussion kit have an excellent opportunity to see whether or not they are suited to a particular instrument through a 'rental-purchase' plan. It is sponsored by a store in our area. You may rent a brand new or reconditioned instrument for four months, during which time we can monitor your student's progress. If the child decides not to play the instrument, it may be returned. You are not obliged to rent or purchase an instrument from any particular music company.

An informational meeting along with a display of band instruments has been arranged at the Oakview School gym on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 7:30 pm. At this very important meeting, you and your child will have an opportunity to see the instruments used in our band, to hear more about the instrumental program, to sign up for a private conference, and to ask questions. Your attendance is requested even if you already have an instrument.

I look forward to meeting you on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Oliver McCracken  
Superintendent

Donald Stahlberg  
Instrumental Music Director