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Dear Beginning Music Parents,

We welcome you and your child to one of the most exciting and rewarding educational ventures our schools have to offer - MUSIC! Those of us who have chosen careers in this field have found many rewards, which may not be apparent when one first considers, "Why Should I Be in Music?"

Recent statistics prove that young people who participate in music are among the academically strongest in their schools. They also have higher SAT score averages than their fellow classmates. Their adult lives are filled with the successes which are a direct result of their music experience: self-discipline, group cooperation, high self-esteem, understanding teamwork, developing a sense of persistence and performance confidence. Music can provide this foundation for your child.

As your child progresses in understanding and command of the instrument, you will see how this same desire for excellence applies to every subject in school and serves as a training ground for dealing with many aspects of adult life.

The opportunity to enjoy a new level of communication and self-expression is the goal for every young musician. Creativity is within all of us, and the language of music serves as a perfect vehicle to allow this personal growth and development.

For you, the chance to become involved is a bonus. We all know the importance of supporting our children in whatever they choose in life. You are encouraged to work with your child to share in this exciting learning process. Much can be said with music that is impossible to say with words.

Welcome to the world of music and enjoyment of art!

Musically yours,

Gregg Hutchison
Music Director