
Summer 2015

Fischer Middle School Music Department

Welcome to the Fischer Middle School Music Department! We are so glad that you have made the decision to enroll your child in band, chorus or orchestra! In this newsletter you will find information regarding classes, materials and instrument rental that will help you as you prepare for the 2015-2016 school year. Concert dates are also listed as well as contact information for each of the directors. We look forward to working with all of you next year!!

Band & Orchestra Instrument Information:

Students need to have an instrument by Monday, August 24th for band or orchestra. At registration in January, parents received information on how to obtain an instrument for their child. If you rented with Quinlan & Fabish Music Company (District 204 Preferred Vendor) your child's instrument will be waiting for them at Fischer Middle School when the school year begins. If you rented from any other company, you will need to make sure that your child has their instrument and books by Monday, August 24th. If you have not taken care of securing an instrument yet, we highly recommend that you do so shortly to insure your child has a high quality instrument ready to use on August 24th. Below you will find the names and contact information for the area music stores:

District 204 Preferred Vendor:

Quinlan & Fabish, 630-906-6595, www.qandf.com

Additional area vendors:

PM Music Center, 630-978-9927

Ellman's Music Center, 630-355-5880

Naperville Music, 630-355-1404

Music & Arts, 630-577-0820



Upcoming Events

August 24

Instruments should be brought to school for the first day of instruction!!!

August 31

Honors Chorus Auditions the week of August 31st – September 10th

October 26

6th Grade Chorus Concerts

November 12

6th Grade Band & Orchestra Demonstration Concerts

Contact Information:

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Orchestra:

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Supplies & More

Orchestra Supplies:

- Instrument, Bow & Case
- Rosin
- Shoulder rest (Violin & Viola only)
- Rock Stop (Cello & Bass only)
- Essential Elements 2000, Book 1
- Orchestra Expressions, Book 1
- Three Ring Binder (1 inch)
- Folding music stand
- Soft cloth for cleaning the instrument
- Pencil

Chorus Supplies:

- Green folder with 3 prongs
- Loose leaf paper
- Pencil

Brass/Woodwinds:

- Instrument, mouthpiece and case w/name tag (tuba: Helleberg 120s mouthpiece ONLY)
- Saxophone: Box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, corkgrease & neck strap.
- Clarinet: Box Rico Royal #3 reeds, corkgrease
- Oboe: Three medium-soft reeds
- Trumpet, Baritone, French Horn, Tuba: Valve oil/tuning slide grease.
- Trombone: Slide oil/tuning slide grease
- Standard of Excellence, Book 1 for appropriate instrument
- Festival Solos, Book 1 for appropriate instrument
- Winning Rhythms book
- Three ring binder (1 inch)
- Folding music stand
- Soft rag
- Pencil

Percussion:

- Adams Academy 3.5 octave xylophone
- Vic Firth Heavy Hitter practice pad
- Vic Firth SD1 snare drum sticks
- Innovative Percussion F9 xylophone mallets
- "A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion" by Mark Wessel
- "A Fresh Approach to Snare Drum" by Mark Wessel
- Stick/mallet bag
- Three ring binder (1 inch)
- Folding Music Stand
- Pencil
- Also recommended: medium yarn mallets and timpani mallets.

Music Uniform

At Fischer Middle School we have a department wide music uniform that ALL music students (band, orchestra or choir) will wear.

Your child will need to have the following in time for their first performance of the year:

- Black dress pants (please no jeans or leggings!)
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes (please no gym shoes or open toed shoes)

Students will order our Fischer music department polo shirt. Polo shirt order forms will be included in the handbook that they receive on the first day of school. Shirts will arrive in time for our first performances.

If your student has an older sibling, friend or neighbor who is a former Fischer musician that would like to donate their shirt to them we encourage you to do that. The shirt has not changed from last year.