



Junior Band and Orchestra



September 1, 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

Would you like to learn to play a band or orchestra instrument? We are currently inviting students to join Band or Orchestra. Beginning lessons on all band and orchestra instruments are offered to students in grades 4-8. There are four steps to choosing an instrument: 1). Fourth graders will attend an assembly where all of the instruments will be demonstrated; 2). Fourth graders will also have an opportunity in school to try out the instrument(s) they are most interested in playing. Roosevelt students will be able to try out instruments at the parent/student/teacher conference mentioned below; 3). We will have an informational meeting for parents and students (see below); and 4). there will be a parent/student/teacher conference where students will make their final instrument selection.

The **informational meeting** for all parents and students interested in joining will be held on Tuesday, September 13 in the Roosevelt auditorium at 7:00 PM. An overview of the instrumental music program and information regarding instrument rental will be presented. You will be able to make an appointment for the parent/teacher/student conference at the meeting.

The **conferences** will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at Roosevelt. Appointments are available from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. You and your child will meet with Mr. Hufnus or Mr. Acevedo for a conference to make a final instrument selection. Once the final instrument selection is made, a representative from Austin Music will be present to accept orders for instruments, books, and music stands.

Hopefully this will provide you with the information you need to get your child started in the band and orchestra program. The program will be presented in complete detail at the evening parent meeting, but feel free to contact us with any questions.

Mr. Hufnus
HufnusB@District90.org
Band Director

Mr. Acevedo
AcevedoA@District90.org
Orchestra Director

If your child is interested in joining band or orchestra, please fill out the information below. You may return this form to your classroom teacher, or e-mail the information directly to Mr. Hufnus at HufnusB@District90.org. You may receive multiple requests for this information, but we only need it once. Please return this form by Friday, September 9.

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You may fill this form out online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/jrbandorchreg2016>.

Student Name _____ Parent Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Parent E-mail(s) _____

School _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Has your child played an instrument? If so, which one _____

My child is interested in learning the _____

___ I will attend the parent meeting Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 PM in the Roosevelt Auditorium.

___ I am unable to attend the meeting, but would like to schedule an appointment for Wed., Sept. 21.



Providing Instruments for the Next Generation

**Would your child like to play a musical instrument
in the school band or orchestra?**

**Does your family qualify for free or reduced-price meals
or a fee waiver under federal guidelines?**

Eligible students in grades 4-12 enrolled in an Oak Park or River Forest public school may use an instrument from PING! for the school year.

PING! also provides enrichment opportunities during the school year, including bi-weekly music lessons with high school student mentors, workshops, and scholarships to summer music camps.

Eligibility

PING! provides instruments for families who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program or fee waivers. **Or you can contact the social worker** at your child's school for help in determining your family's need.

Also, students MUST sign up for music lessons in the fall (at Willard and Lincoln) OR already be registered for band or orchestra at Roosevelt Middle School or at OPRFHS.

Cost

PING! charges a fee of \$20 per family per year. However, parents are responsible for damages or loss of the instrument, as well as extra supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.) and some sheet music or music books needed during the year.

Registration

There will be an informational meeting at Roosevelt Middle School on **Tuesday, September 13** for students who are interested in participating in band or orchestra and their parents. Sign up for instrumental music will take place on Wednesday, September 21. Contact your school for specific times.

**PING! will be available to register your student on September 21
in the late afternoon - early evening.**

**Contact PING! at 708-524-3001 x2995 or pingopr@gmail.com
Visit our website at www.pingopr.org**

PING! is a nonprofit organization started in 1998 by a group of Oak Park parents and supported by private donors; Oak Park Area Arts Council in partnership with the Village of Oak Park and the National Endowment for the Arts; the OPRF Rotary Club; the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation, and private donors.