

# Cranford Schools Performing Art Department

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Dear Parent/Guardians of students currently in **Grade 3** moving to **Grade 4** in September 2024,

As we begin to wrap up another school year, our instrumental music department is excited to start planning ahead for our first year members! We are proud to be able to offer instrumental music lessons to all Cranford Public School students and the valuable educational experience that music-making provides. Research shows that students who play an instrument are more academically successful and playing in an ensemble promotes a variety of skills including collaboration, empathy, and creativity. **If your child is interested in playing a band instrument, please complete the digital registration form below by Friday, May 31, 2024.**

In Grade 3, students had the opportunity to choose a string instrument: the violin, viola or cello. In Grade 4, band instruments are a new option for students, **OR** students may choose to continue with their string instrument. The band instrument choices are the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, and percussion.

When you decide to participate in our instrumental program, you will be responsible for providing your child with an instrument and necessary accessories. We highly recommend renting an instrument from one of our recommended vendors instead of purchasing one for your child. This will ensure that your child has a reputable instrument to play, maintenance and repair services, a complimentary method book, reasonably priced rental packages, and associated instrument accessories. Our recommended vendors and their contact information is listed below.

After completing the digital registration form, your child's band director will contact you with your child's instrument assignment and additional rental information and procedures. Please note that all instruments will be delivered to your child's school in the fall.

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 31, 2024**

Please click the appropriate link below in order to complete your child's band registration for next year.

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If you are in need of financial assistance for the rental of your child's instrument please email me at [good@cranfordschools.org](mailto:good@cranfordschools.org). If you have any questions concerning our music program, please feel free to contact me, your child's band director, or music teacher. We look forward to fostering your child's music literacy.

Sincerely,  
Tony Good  
Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts

## Cranford Public Schools Instrumental Music Staff

### Brookside Place School

Mr. Gautieri - Band [gautieri@cranfordschools.org](mailto:gautieri@cranfordschools.org)

Ms. Ruiz - Strings [ruiz@cranfordschools.org](mailto:ruiz@cranfordschools.org)

### Hillside Avenue School

Mr. Falisi - Band [falisi@cranfordschools.org](mailto:falisi@cranfordschools.org)

Mr. Gautieri - Band [gautieri@cranfordschools.org](mailto:gautieri@cranfordschools.org)

Mr. Topielski - Strings [topielski@cranfordschools.org](mailto:topielski@cranfordschools.org)

### Livingston Avenue School

Ms. McDonald - Band [mcdonald@cranfordschools.org](mailto:mcdonald@cranfordschools.org)

Ms. Ruiz - Strings [ruiz@cranfordschools.org](mailto:ruiz@cranfordschools.org)

### Orange Avenue School

Mrs. Holodak - Band [holodak@cranfordschools.org](mailto:holodak@cranfordschools.org)

Mr. Gautieri - Band [gautieri@cranfordschools.org](mailto:gautieri@cranfordschools.org)

Mr. Jackson - Strings [jonathan.jackson@cranfordschools.org](mailto:jonathan.jackson@cranfordschools.org)

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## Recommended Instrumental Vendors

***Elefante Music***, 1790 Springfield Ave, New Providence, NJ 07974 (908) 464-5928  
<https://www.shopelefantemusic.com/topic.aspx?name=online%20rentals>  
District Code: 89482024

***The Music Shop***, 56 Fanny Rd, Boonton, NJ 07005 (973) 334-8484  
<https://themusicshop.com/aerntplan.aspx>  
District Code: 07016

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## Instrument Demonstration Videos

[Flute Demonstration by Mr. Falisi \(HAS\)](#)  
[Clarinet Demonstration by Mrs. Holodak \(OAS\)](#)  
[Alto Saxophone Demonstration by Mr. Falisi \(HAS\)](#)  
[Trumpet Demonstration by Mrs. Holodak \(OAS\)](#)  
[Baritone Horn Demonstration by Ms. McDonald \(LAS\)](#)  
[Trombone Demonstration by Ms. McDonald \(LAS\)](#)  
[Percussion Demonstration](#)