

FOREST HILLS ELEMENTARY BAND ENROLLMENT
2026-2027 School Year

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Enrollment. Your child is currently interested in joining the Forest Hills band program for the 2026-2027 school year. After reading through the commitment required for the program, please sign and return the bottom portion to Mr. Kearney **by Thursday, October 29.**

Materials. Students must have the instrument needed for the class they choose. There are several ways to get an instrument, including purchasing outright, rental programs, borrowing from family and friends, or using a school instrument after signing our Care and Repair Contract. If you have questions regarding getting an instrument, more information is available on the Elementary Music webpage (below). Instruments can be rented through Volkwein's or Sweetwater.

Students must also have the lesson book required for their specific instrument called *Tradition of Excellence*, Book 1, by Bruce Pearson and Ryan Nowlin. All materials, including the book and instruments, can be found through Volkwein's Music: www.volkweinsmusic.com/fhelemband or (800) 553-8742

All materials for class must be ready by the third week of school! Students who do not have the necessary materials or are not in the process of getting them will be moved to the General Music class for the school year.

Commitment. Students joining the band program are encouraged to participate in the program for the entire school year. If your child learns that the band program is not for them in the fall, they can quit and move to General Music *before the third marking period in January* - they cannot move before or after. Our elementary music department does this to encourage commitment through the year to truly see progress after the early learning stages and to avoid schoolwide scheduling conflicts. **Please discuss this with your child as you and they make the decision to enroll in Band.**

My child would rather be in Chorus. Good news! They can do both. Chorus is offered starting in 4th grade. Band and Chorus meet at separate times, so everyone is able to do both if they want. Signups for Chorus are with Mrs. Tully at the beginning of the school year.

Questions? If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! Many questions can be answered by visiting the website below or scanning the QR code.

Mr. Kearney
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(814) 487-7613 ext. 2652
Website: sites.google.com/fhrangers.org/elementarymusic



SCAN ME

Cut along this line and return to Mr. Kearney

My child is allowed to enroll in the Forest Hills band program. I understand the commitment required for them to participate in the class.

Student Name _____ Current Grade: 3 4 5 6

Instrument (circle one): flute clarinet trumpet trombone baritone saxophone, (5 & 6 only)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____