FOREST HILLS ELEMENTARY BAND ENROLLMENT 2025-2026 School Year

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Enrollment. Your child is currently interested in joining the Forest Hills band program for the 2025-2026 school year. After reading through the commitment required for the program, please sign and return the bottom portion to Mr. Kearney by Friday, January 16 to start the third grading period.

Materials. In order to enroll in the band program, 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 Mr. Kearney's webpage. Instruments can be rented through Volkwein's.

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 to go by September 12! 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 on their particular instrument for the <u>entire school year</u>. 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. **Please discuss this with your child as you and s/he 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.

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 jkearney@fhrangers.org (814) 487-7613 ext. 2652

Website: sites.google.com/fhrangers.org/elementarymusic

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				Curre	ent Grade: 3	4	5	6
Instrument (circle one): flute	clarinet	trumpet	trombone	baritone	saxophone, (5 & 6	only)	
Parent/Guardian Signature					Date		_	