

Welcome to the Bands of Irmo!!

We request that you DO NOT get an instrument this week unless you have already instrument tested. Look for information to come home next week including an instrument letter and flyers from music stores. Here is the basic order of events for the first 2 full weeks:

- Instrument introductions and demonstrations.
- Instrument testing
- Music Theory Lessons - music and rhythm reading memorized for basic test
- Instrument letters sent home second week – this will have all the information you need to acquire the best instrument for your child.
- Theory Test – Students get 3 tries to pass a basic music theory test with a minimum score of 70%. If your child does not pass, Mrs. T will contact you to discuss band readiness.
- **FIRST DAY TO PLAY INSTRUMENTS IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th!**
- Band requirements: All students must have a band **instrument** and book: **Standard of Excellence Book 1 for their instrument** to participate in band. The school can rent some instruments. The local music stores can rent most instruments. School instruments will not be rented without Adult–Teacher contact. Any student without an instrument OR a plan in place to provide an instrument (ie. Instrument ordered or on the way) will receive a schedule change on August 28th if the student’s Adult has not contacted the Teacher. Please contact Ms. Turner with questions. 803-422-4572 cell, lturner@lexrich5.org

I look forward to getting to know you and your children through this incredible musical experience!

Lorrie Turner
IMS Band director

Please sign and return this bottom portion by Friday, August 14.

Student name: _____

I have read and understand that my child needs an instrument and book to participate in band and will be required to pass a basic music theory test to continue with instruction. This also confirms that my child actually brought this letter home and gave it to me which is a good indicator that my child will be responsible with an expensive instrument. ;)

Parent name: _____

Best contact: _____

Parent signature: _____ date: _____