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Dear 5th grade parents and guardians:

I am sure you are beginning to prepare for your child to make the transition to 6th grade and a new school next year. Middle school provides many new exciting opportunities. In 6th grade, students have the opportunity to begin to participate in an ensemble music class. Band, choir and orchestra are offered as part of the daily school schedule. Music is required through 6th grade.

Fortunately, students in Waukesha have the opportunity to participate in excellent music programs. Students who follow through with the programs often have amazing opportunities available. Musical groups from Waukesha have traveled the world, performed at Carnegie Hall, and appeared in major televised national parades. Research has also shown that children who participate in music achieve at higher levels in math, reading, creative and critical thinking skills, as well as the essential life skills of teamwork and self discipline. *Music has also been essential to the communication of the human spirit since the beginning of time.*

Enrollment for 6th grade music has begun. Students have been introduced to each of these programs and now need to express their interest and choices. Students expressing interest in band or orchestra will meet with their future band or orchestra teachers in the spring to help them select the instrument that fits their natural abilities and interests. No special arrangements need to be made for those choosing choir.

Please take a few minutes to complete both sides of the brief informational Music Interest Sheet and return it to your classroom teacher by **Friday, January 26th.**

We look forward to being a part of the next step in your child's educational journey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I can direct you to the appropriate staff member who can give you further information.

Sincerely,

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MUSIC INTEREST SURVEY

We ask ALL 5th graders return this form to their classroom teacher by January 26th.

Student's Name: _____

Current School: _____ Middle School: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return to your classroom teacher by Friday, January 26th.



In which ensemble is your student interested? (Check no more than 1)

Band

Choir

Orchestra