



## **BAND & ORCHESTRA BEGIN IN 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!!!!**



Greetings 4th Grade Parents,

While most people are looking forward to wrapping up the school year, the music department is always looking forward starting up the next year! Your student(s) will have the opportunity to begin in the district band and orchestra program next year as 5th graders. We want to share some important information with you so you can get it on your family calendar!

First off, students can choose to be in band OR orchestra. Band instruments offered to 5th graders are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone & percussion (piano background and some proficiency suggested for students interested in percussion). Orchestra instruments offered to 5th graders are violin, viola, cello, and bass. Music instructors will be meeting (during school day) with your student(s) with the 5th grade classrooms as part of the first week activities. Then there will be 3 opportunities--also during the first weeks of school--for parents and students to attend a brief informational meeting as well as try as many instruments as your schedule will allow if you are interested in band or orchestra next school year:

**Saturday, September 12th - Maple Grove Middle School 9am - 1pm (Enter at Community Ed. Entrance)**

**Monday, September 14th - North View Middle School 4-8pm (Enter at Community Ed. Entrance)**

**Tuesday, September 15th - Osseo Middle School 4-8pm (Enter at Community Ed. Entrance)**

We look forward to working with your students. Please put these dates on your calendar and we'll be sending out a reminder at your school's open house in August.

Sincerely,

District #279 Band & Orchestra Directors