

Matthew Smith

Hahntown Elementary - Room 32



Hillcrest Intermediate School

2018-19 BAND



Dear Parents,

Hello! My name is Mr. Lippmann and I am the Hillcrest Intermediate Band Director. It's my pleasure to tell you that I will be teaching the intermediate instrumental students this upcoming school year!

It is that time of year when we are getting ready to start new students in our band program. This is an important decision for you and your child.

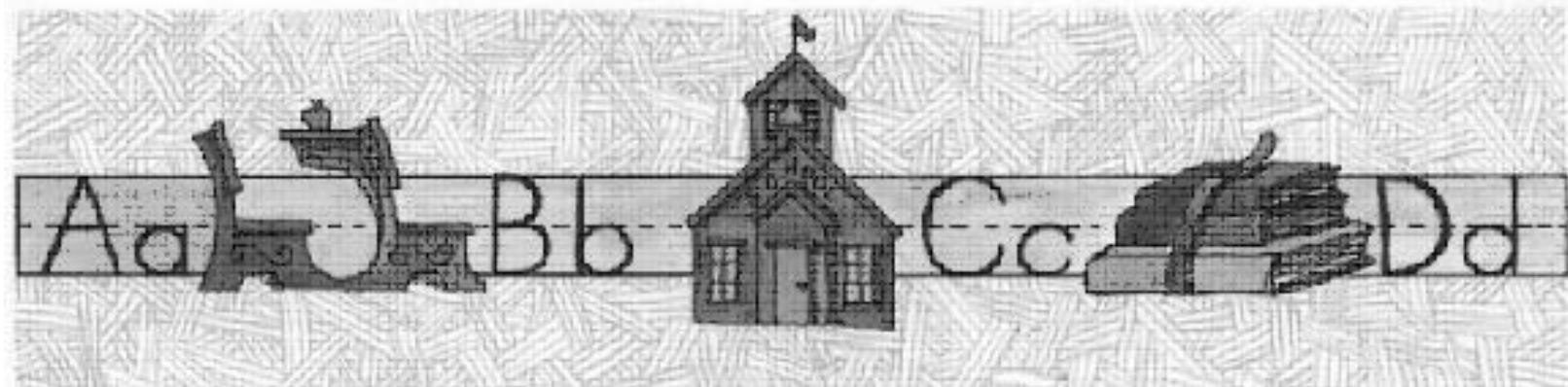
Although many see band as a class on learning to play an instrument, it is much more than that. It is the development of a family of friends that lasts a lifetime, and the establishment of positive influences which will aid your child's success in all aspects of education.

Matthew has expressed an interest in playing a musical instrument and has shown a strong musical aptitude for success on the Clarinet and Alto Sax. Your son has a great sense of musicality, and playing the Clarinet or Alto Sax would provide him with an excellent opportunity for success. Included in this packet is all the information and forms needed to pursue this activity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at dlippmann@norwinsd.org or by phone at (724)861-3015 ext. 5155. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lippmann

Mr. Lippmann
Hillcrest Intermediate Band Director



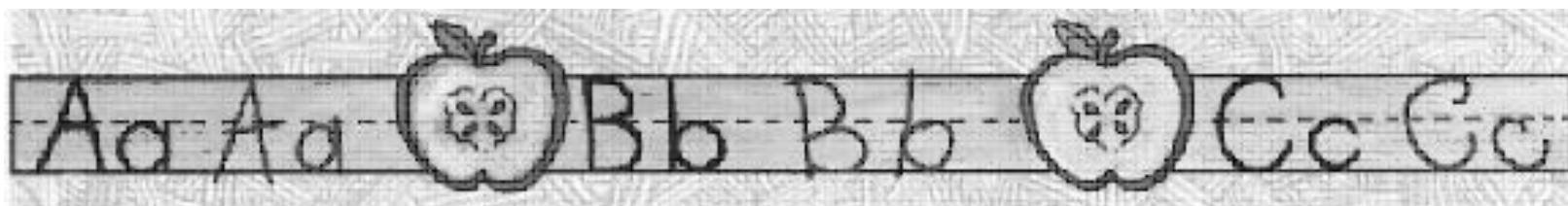
Instrumental Rental Information

1. COMPARE ALL RENTAL STORES
2. CALL THE STORE IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ANYTHING
3. CHOOSE A RENTAL STORE
4. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE COST OF THE BOOKS IN YOUR RENTAL FEE
5. SEND CHECK AND APPLICATION TO THE RENTAL STORE – **NOT TO SCHOOL**
6. SIGN THE WHITE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SLIP (attached to this form) AND SEND BACK TO:
Hillcrest Intermediate
Attention: Mr. Lippmann
11091 Mockingbird Drive
North Huntingdon, PA 15642
7. INSTRUMENT & ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000 BOOK WILL ARRIVE AT HILLCREST FOR THE BEGINNING INSTRUMENTAL CAMP AUGUST 7th – 10th 9:00-11:00 AM

**- Complete and Mail the Application by -
The end of June 2017 or ASAP
To Ensure All Instruments Arrive In A Timely Fashion**

Thank you,

Mr. Lippmann



A black and white line drawing of a saxophone, trumpet, and trombone, with several musical notes floating around them. The instruments are arranged vertically on the left side of the page. The notes are scattered throughout the page, with a cluster of notes in the top right corner.

WHY MUSIC EDUCATION?

STUDIES BY THE COLLEGE EXAMINATION BOARD SHOW THAT STUDENTS WITH COURSEWORK OR EXPERIENCE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE SCORE AN AVERAGE OF 88 POINTS HIGHER ON THE SAT THAN STUDENTS WITH NO COURSEWORK IN THE ARTS.
PROFILES OF SAT AND ACHIEVEMENT TEST TAKERS, THE COLLEGE BOARD

STUDYING MUSIC STRENGTHENS STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT SEQUENTIAL, SKILL-BUILDING INSTRUCTION IN ART AND MUSIC INTEGRATED WITH THE REST OF THE CURRICULUM CAN GREATLY IMPROVE CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE IN READING AND MATH.

"LEARNING IMPROVED BY ARTS TRAINING," MARTIN GARDNER, ALAN FOX, FAITH KNOWLES AND DONNA JEFFREY, NATURE.

THERE IS A VERY HIGH CORRELATION BETWEEN POSITIVE SELF-PERCEPTION, HIGH COGNITIVE COMPETENCE SCORES, HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM, TOTAL INTEREST AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT, AND THE STUDY OF MUSIC.
"ACHIEVEMENT MOTIVATION AS A FACTOR IN SELF-PERCEPTION," NORWEGIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES, O.F. LILLEMUR

DATA FROM THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL LONGITUDINAL STUDY SHOWED THAT MUSIC PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED MORE ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS THAN NON-MUSIC STUDENTS, AND THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF MUSIC PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING A's, A's/B's, AND B's WAS HIGHER THAN THE PERCENTAGE OF NON-PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING THOSE GRADES.
NELS: FIRST FOLLOW-UP, NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hillcrest Beginning Band Camp

Monday, August 7th - Thursday, August 10th

Location: Hillcrest Intermediate

Time: 9:00 - 11:00

This camp is designed to provide your son or daughter with a solid foundation for success on their instrument while at the same time gradually get them back into the swing of school. The camp uses the five consecutive days to introduce and master the basic skills needed to play the instruments. Students will learn how assemble, care for, and produce their first sounds on the instruments. They will also have the opportunity to participate in both large and small group activities aimed at developing their confidence and practice habits.

I hope your son or daughter will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lippmann



Instrumental Music Form

Student's Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Music Store: _____

(which you chose)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Will your son/daughter be attending the BEGINNING INSTRUMENTAL CAMP?

August 7th – 10th, 2017 9:00-11:00 AM

YES, I will attend the camp, enclosed is my check for \$25 made payable to:
Hillcrest Intermediate Activity Fund.

NO, I will start at the beginning of the school year.

Parent's Signature: _____

Common Questions

Q: What instrument should I order if my son/daughter is planning on playing percussion (the drums) next year?

A: You should rent a JUNIOR PERCUSSION KIT. The kit comes with a percussion pad and a xylophone. Both will be used.



Q: What should we do if we already have an instrument?

A: GREAT! All you need to do is contact one of the rental stores to order a lesson book. It is also a good idea to have the instrument checked to make sure it is in proper working order.



Q: Rent or Buy?

A: Renting, you're guaranteed a quality instrument. If you buy an instrument from seller other than a music store you'll need to look for specific brands, have the instrument checked for cracks, worn pads, dents, alignment, etc.

Lesson Book

All students participating in the Norwin Instrumental Music Program will need the following method book:

The same comprehensive band method that integrates history, theory, creativity, and listening skills from the very first page! With familiar songs and engaging music carefully paced for young players, this method features specially-designed exercises for the classroom as well as exercises specific to each instrument. Also included: a start-up segment to help beginners assemble and take care of their instruments; 12 arrangements for full band; a planned first concert; Rubank scale and arpeggio studies and workouts for establishing daily practice habits. Now with the addition of *Essential Elements Interactive*, an innovative online resource, you have your own private, fully-secured website for teaching beyond the classroom. Students can play and record with multiple background tracks with additional video, audio, and .pdf resources available to both teachers and students. You can instantly stream or download play-along recordings and videos with solo parts played by professional musicians and accompaniment-only tracks are available for titles in many popular styles. Also available are recordings of all the exercises, additional duets and trios, and a music listening library of great band pieces. If internet access is not available, each book includes instructions for ordering a free CD-Rom.

Special Features:

- Rubank scale and arpeggio studies
- Easy-to-use rhythm studies
- Work-outs to establish daily warm-up and practice habits
- Exceeds the National Standards for Arts Education



Percussion Only

Essential Elements - Percussion

Essential Elements

(All instruments except Percussion)

	<u>Music Hut</u>	<u>Volkwein's</u>
	\$ 9.99	\$ 8.09
Tax:	<u>\$.60</u>	<u>\$.57</u>
Total:	\$ 10.59	\$ 8.66

	<u>Music Hut</u>	<u>Volkwein's</u>
	\$16.99	\$13.49
Tax:	<u>\$ 1.02</u>	<u>\$.94</u>
Total:	\$18.01	\$14.43

Music Hut:

Please add this amount on the "Bks-Reeds-Accessories" line on the rental agreement, and add into the total amount when writing your check.

Volkwein's:

Please add this amount on the "Music Books and Other Items" or "Method Book Amount" line on the rental agreement, and add into the total amount when writing your check.

Main Street Music's – Price and Directions are outlined in their packet.

The correct method book will be delivered with the instrument to the school for the first lesson.

A Little Art Is Not Enough!



Most parents believe that art is valuable and even vital to children's lives and also fulfills an important role in creating well-rounded individuals. Unfortunately, most parents also believe that as long as their children have some art in their life, that's all they need. "Some" art is not enough.

The arts are much more than just fun "extra" activities for kids. Participation in the arts opens up children's worlds and minds, and offers them the skills they need for a bright future.

The arts teach kids to be more tolerant and open. The arts allow kids to express themselves creatively. The arts promote individuality, bolster self-confidence, and improve overall academic performance.

Which makes it so surprising that the arts have been allowed to virtually disappear from our children's learning experiences. It is our responsibility as parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles to make sure arts education flourishes throughout the country.



www.americansforthearts.org

*See you next year,
Mr. Lippmann*





Create especially for:
Matthew Smith