

Instrumental Music



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. 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



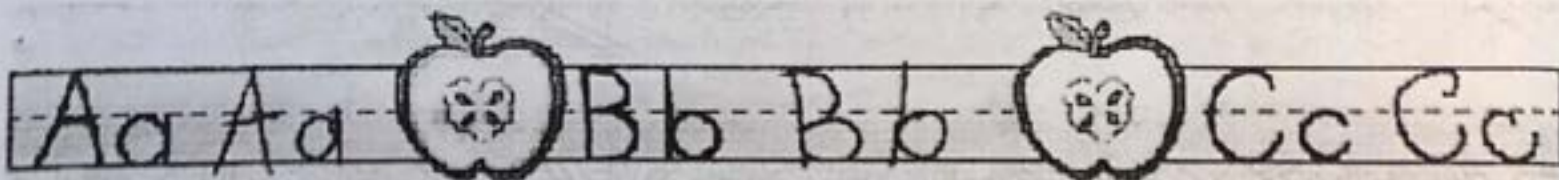
Instrumental Rental Information

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 6th - 9th 9:00-11:00

- Complete and Mail the Application by -
The end of June 2018
To Ensure All Instruments Arrive In A Timely Fashion

Thank you,

Mr. Lippmann



Hillcrest Beginning Band Camp

Monday, August 6th - Thursday, August 9th

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 four 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 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 6th - 9th, 2018 9:00-11:00

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

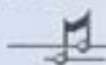
___ NO, I will start at the beginning of the school year.

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:**

Essential Elements 2000 integrates history, theory, creativity, and listening skills from the very first page. Unique to this series is the Play-Along CD and DVD included in every Student Book 1. This fun and motivational CD and DVD combination features two recordings of every exercise in the book! One recording contains the solo part played by a professional musician, and the other recording contains an accompaniment-only track. Accompaniment styles include jazz, rock, folk, and more. Students will experience playing with top musicians right from the start! This method makes those important early lessons fun to practice!

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



A wealth of features available with the CD and DVD included with each student book make this method stand apart! They include:

- Tempo Adjustment software to play CD accompaniment tracks at any desired tempo
- SmartMusic software to practice, record and e-mail a performance
- Finale Notepad software for learning music notation
- A DVD with all 185 Play-Along Tracks for every exercise in the book
- More Duets and Trios that can be printed on a computer
- A Band Music Listening Library of 15 great pieces with listening guide
- A DVD "start up" segment which helps beginning students learn how to assemble and take care of their instrument

Essential Elements

(All instruments except Percussion)

	<u>Music Hut</u>	<u>Volkwein's</u>
	\$ 10.58	\$ 10.58
Tax: \$	(included)	\$ (included)
Total:	\$ 10.58	\$ 10.58

Percussion Only

Essential Elements - Percussion

	<u>Music Hut</u>	<u>Volkwein's</u>
	\$17.32	\$17.32
Tax: \$	(included)	\$ (included)
Total:	\$17.32	\$17.32

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.



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*See you next year,
Mr. Lippmann*

