

Dear Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade student,

The Instrumental Music Program at Clark Intermediate is one of the most successful and exciting programs on campus. For many of you, this will be your first big exposure to a large music program. We have created a video to help inform you of what you can experience here at Clark. We offer multiple levels of classes for those continuing in your musical journey as well as classes for those who are choosing to start for the first time. No matter what level you are at, we have a class for you!

What you will learn in our program are life skills that will continue to teach you to be kind and successful in school and beyond. Please watch this video to familiarize yourself with all our program has to offer!

<https://youtu.be/WkloiE3dEcl>

**Here are the registration codes to help you when selecting your electives:**

***Intermediate Band “All woodwinds & Brass Instruments” – C#80048***

- It is **HIGHLY** recommended to be enrolled in zero period BAND P.E. as well.

***Percussion – C#80068***

- **MUST** be enrolled in zero period BAND PE as well as percussion class.

***Orchestra – C#80059***

***Jazz Band – C#80058***

- **MUST** also be enrolled in an additional band, percussion, or orchestra class during the day.
- **MUST** take zero period P.E.
- Any woodwind, brass, string bass, piano, or guitar player are HIGHLY encouraged to sign-up for Jazz Band!

***Color Guard -C#11005.CG***

- This is a PE class that may meet either during zero period or during the day. (TBA)
- No experience is necessary! All are welcome to join.
- Color Guard will also practice 1-2 days after-school during the winter & spring season.

***Zero Period Band PE - C#11005***

- This class meets during zero period, which starts at 7:30 AM on M/T/Th/F only.
- It allows you to take 2 elective classes, one being your main music class and the other can be anything else.
- This class fulfills you PE requirements!

**Benefits of being enrolled in a Zero Period Band/PE Class....**

1. Students enrolled in Zero Period Band PE/PE class will have up to 2 additional electives during the day.
2. Band PE starts at 7:30 AM and only meets on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
  - a. For most families, this is the perfect time to drop off your child and make your way to work.
  - b. You get to have PE with your music friends!
3. Students who sign-up for a double music elective class play more and get better faster! That is a WIN-WIN!

**Here are some great examples of electives to pick if you are enrolled in Zero Period Band PE.**

- Example #1 - Zero Period Band PE + Intermediate Band + Jazz Band
- Example #2 – Zero Period Band PE + Orchestra + Jazz Band
- Example #3 – Zero Period Band + Percussion + Jazz Band

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at any time. We know this is an exciting time for your family and you may have questions. We want to make your transition from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade is as smooth as possible!

Furthermore, music education is more than just playing an instrument. It is immersing your child in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about your child’s education. Now is the time, more than ever, to stay involved and the Clark is the place to do it. ***It does not matter if you have been playing for years or if you’re just starting your journey, we have a spot for you!***

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Watson, Mr. Madden, and Mrs. Harris

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