

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF RISING FOURTH GRADERS

MECKLENBURG AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

In the next several weeks, you will be receiving information on the MACS Elementary Instrumental Music Program. The following numbers of students have enrolled in the MACS band program for the 2008-2009 school term:

Saint Matthew	48	Saint Mark	40	HTCMS	131
OLA	8	Saint Patrick	29	Saint Mark MS	35
Saint Ann	25	Saint Gabriel	42	CCHS	102

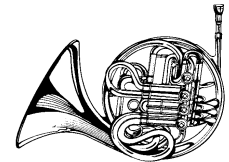
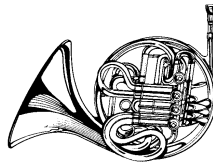
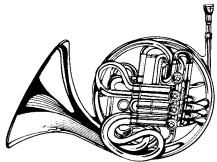
In the latter part of this semester, instrument demonstrations will be presented in each school and information will be sent home for your perusal. It is our hope that you will give serious consideration to having your child perform on an instrument and join their friends in performances with the ALL – MACS Band and with the individual school bands each semester. Pertinent information on beginning instrumental music study will be forthcoming.

UCLA conducted a study of 25,000 affluent and low-income students over a ten year period and concluded that students, especially those elementary school aged, who study music have higher empathy and tolerance for others, have higher math scores, have higher reading abilities, read more for pleasure, watch less TV, are more involved in community service and have higher degrees of self worth and satisfaction with their lives.

There is a staff of five elementary instrumental teachers who provide weekly music lessons and direct the large ensembles. All lessons and rehearsals are conducted during the school day.

You are encouraged to talk with any of the teachers and/or the coordinator of the instrumental music program should you have any questions. Their names and phone numbers appear below.

We welcome your child to be a part of our exciting and growing MACS band program.



Ken Rudd – CCHS – 704-543-1127
 Alan Kaufman - HTCMS – 704-346-0311
 Tracy Shoff – HTCMS - 704-759-1631
 David Shoff – MACS Elementary – 704-906-9633
 Brian Joyce – St. Mark – 704-724-9075

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