



Christ-Centered Educational Excellence

Dear 3rd and 4th grade families,

August 28, 2023

This year, your students have the opportunity to join Orchestra (3rd grade) or Band (4th grade). Hopefully your student has told you all about the day that Sweetwater came into the classroom for everyone to try out an instrument last week! If you and your student(s) are interested in joining, there are two things you will need to complete:

1. Register for the class at clhs.campbrainregistration.com. Please register by Friday, September 8. The cost of the class is \$495 or \$540 per student, depending on the school (classes are either 2 or 3 times per week). The total cost can be broken up into a payment plan of your choice. A non-refundable deposit of \$45 will be collected when you register. While this cost may seem high, it helps cover bringing a teacher into each school - we visit 11 different schools, twice each week! It also helps cover any costs like new music or other materials for the school year. Band and Strings is definitely an investment, but I firmly believe it is worth every penny.

2. Acquire an instrument - This past Wednesday, August 23, Sweetwater hosted their Rental Night, where families could rent an instrument and leave with the new instrument in hand! If you were not able to attend but still need to rent an instrument, you can do so by going to band.sweetwater.com, and they will ship the instrument and method book right to your house! On the other hand, you might already have an instrument from a family member or friend. In that case, you just need to purchase a method book! (Band: [Tradition of Excellence, Book 1](#), Strings: [Strings Basics, Book 1](#). Just make sure the correct instrument is selected.) **Classes have already started, so this should happen as soon as possible.**

There are so many amazing things that come with being in band and/or orchestra. First off, the academic and scientifically studied and proven benefits are vast and many. Plus, it certainly doesn't hurt that you can get additional scholarships for college! It teaches you things like respect, discipline, time management skills, communication, listening, etc., all skills that you will need later in life.

In addition to all of these incredible things is the fact that you get another family. You build relationships that will last a lifetime and will have an automatic group of people that you can relate to, ask for help, or go through both struggles and triumphs of life with. There are so many important life skills that are taught in the band and these are invaluable.

If you have any questions, especially about the registration process, please don't hesitate to email any of us!

God's blessings,
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