

# *DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT*

## *Instrumental Music Program*

Dear Parents,

The Instrumental Music Program in the Demarest School District will be offered to students in grades 4-8 as an elective subject for the 2015-2016 school year. **Students currently enrolled in the Demarest School District Instrumental Program will be automatically registered for the 2015/2016 school year. New students or students switching to a different instrument over the summer need to register. All contracts must be returned to Mr. Zemba. Please send a letter to Mr. Zemba if your child is discontinuing instrumental instruction.**

Students will receive a group lesson once a week. In order to minimize the loss of class time, students will be scheduled on a pullout/rotating basis from their academic classes. In order to maximize progress, students will be required to practice four days a week for 30 minutes each day. SmartMusic will be used to calculate home practice time and individual progress.

Due to increased enrollment, all instruments must be limited to a **first come first serve basis**.

Parents who elect to have their children participate in the 2015/2016 Demarest School District Instrumental Music Program will be obligated to assume the rental cost of the musical instrument and lesson books. **Please check the yellow pages for your local music retailer.** All students beginning an instrument in September 2015 should rent an instrument before the start of school. **The book we will use for the 2015/2016 school year is Accent on Achievement Book #1. Please purchase the book that correspond to the instrument your child will be playing.**

In order to assess parent / student interest in the Middle School and Luther Lee Emerson School Instrumental Program, please complete the attached questionnaire. All forms must be returned to Mr. Zemba .

Please return the parent/student contract and the instrument registration forms  
by Friday, June 12, 2015

Sincerely,

Mr. John J. Zemba

# Demarest School District Instrumental Music Contract

Dear Parents,

I would like to personally welcome you to the wonderful world of Demarest music. As most of you already know, our children are participating in an outstanding Instrumental program at both LLE and DMS. Before next year gets under way, there will be some items you will need to know in order to give your child the best opportunity to succeed. Please take a moment to look over the responsibilities your child will be expected to perform. The bottom portion of this form must be signed and returned to Mr. Zemba in order for your child to begin lessons and band.

1. **Attendance:** All lessons and rehearsals. The lesson schedule for each week will be posted inside the DMS music room. The lesson schedule at LLE will be given to the homeroom teachers. Absences, lateness and lack of preparation for either lessons or rehearsals will result in a poor grade and or dismissal from the music program. The lesson schedule is a once a week rotated pullout schedule. It is **your child's responsibility** to attend all of their instrumental music lessons. Classroom exams and other class work must be made up by your child as **prearranged by your child** and academic teacher. Each teacher will receive the lesson schedule for their own records.

2. **Preparation and Practice :** All materials such as instruments, music, pencil and accessories must be brought to school for all lessons. All students will be required to practice no less than 4 days per week for 30 minutes each time. A lack of preparation and practice will result in dismissal from the music program. Developing good practice habits is the best way and the only way to insure your child's success.

With music programs in jeopardy, America's culture is at risk. By supporting music education you can help to ensure the balanced education that our children need for their future. Music makes the difference. You can make a difference, too! Please fill out the form below and return to Mr. Zemba. Any parent wishing to discontinue music instruction must do so in writing to Mr. Zemba. Please return this parent/student contract and the instrument registration form by Friday, June 12, 2015

Music Program Demarest School District  
John J. Zemba

DETACH & RETURN FORM BELOW.

KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR YOURSELF.

(Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the student responsibilities listed above. I, \_\_\_\_\_ must

prepare and practice for each weekly lesson. I understand that participation in the Instrumental Program is my ( the student's) responsibility. LLE or DMS( circle one)

RETURN TO MR.ZEMBA.

PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES !

DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DEMAREST, NEW JERSEY

2015/2016 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current 2014/2015 Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers-Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (as of **SEPTEMBER 2015**)

1. Please check one of the following instruments:

A. WOODWIND

B. BRASS

C. PERCUSSION

\_\_\_ Flute

\_\_\_ Oboe

\_\_\_ Clarinet

\_\_\_ Alto Saxophone

\_\_\_ **Tenor Saxophone**

(tenor sax, speak to Mr.Z)

\_\_\_ Trumpet

\_\_\_ French Horn

\_\_\_ Trombone

\_\_\_ Baritone Horn

\_\_\_ **Tuba**

(tuba, speak to Mr.Z)

\_\_\_ Snare Drum

2. Is your child presently receiving school or private instrumental instruction?

\_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes What instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Has your child received music instruction for any other instrument **not** listed above?

\_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes What instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Will your child attend a school Summer Music Program ?

yes (where) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Will your child receive **private** instruction on their instrument this summer?

\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

(Yes only) Teachers name/phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. (CHECK ONE)

A. \_\_\_ My child owns the instrument.

B. \_\_\_ My child will be renting the instrument. **All beginners should always rent.**

C. \_\_\_ I plan to buy the instrument.

7. \_\_\_ My child does not wish to participate in the Instrumental Music Program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN FORM TO MR. ZEMBA AT LLE OR DMS. CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS WILL BE LIMITED.

REGISTRATION IS DONE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. Please contact Mr. Zemba for more information. Please return this registration form and parent/student contract by Friday, June 12, 2015.