



## JOHNSONBAND.ORG....CHECK IT OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Parents:

I am pleased to be have this opportunity to invite your student to become a part of the L.B. Johnson Middle School Band for the 2009-2010 school year. Band is an excellent way for students to quickly become "at-home" in our school because they will be a part of an important group. Band also provides a way for new students to our school to meet people, learn a new skill, and to have fun! I strongly encourage you and your student to consider the band program as a possibility!

In the music program at L.B. Johnson Middle School, it is our goal to develop the musical abilities of your student to their highest level, and to foster a sense of self-worth and accomplishment in each child. It is often said that the band students are the "best students in the school," and this comment stems from the fact that the band program inspires a commitment to excellence, a positive attitude, and a sense of discipline in students. Learning to play an instrument teaches students that they can do anything they really want to do, and teaches them to set goals and achieve them! By joining the Johnson Middle School Band, your child will be developing skills that will affect all aspects of their life, and will be with them for a lifetime!

Band provides students with a social outlet, and provides them with the skills to participate in marching band at the high school level. Students contribute to their school and community throughout their Middle and High school years by participating in band, and they also gain many unique opportunities to make friends, take trips, participate in special events, and have fun through the band program!

While there are some school instruments available for students to play, a majority of students are responsible for obtaining their own instrument through reasonable "rent-to-own" plans with local music stores. These plans allow parents to make monthly payments on an instrument over a period of time. Students who enroll in band will be "tested" for instruments during the first two weeks of school in the Fall, and arrangements will be made for parents and music dealers to meet and get all the necessary equipment. (A Summer Band program is also available through JMS for students who wish to get an early start on their band experience! Summer band flyers were given to students at their elementary school in late March/early April. Check out the Johnson band website for summer band information!) Students participating in band will also be required to practice at home as their "homework" for band class. These responsibilities are a small price to pay for the rewards that being a part of the band program will bring!

If your student is interested in participating in band for the 2009-2010 school year...  
**please have them select BAND as their first choice**  
**for an elective at registration for classes this Spring!**

*NOTE: If your student has already turned in their registration form, it is not too late! Ask your teacher for the form back to make changes! If they have already sent the forms to Johnson Middle School, call Johnson (242-6430) and ask to speak to a guidance counselor.*

**It is NEVER too late to change your mind and sign up for band!!!**

If you have any questions about the L.B. Johnson Band or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 242-6430 or through e-mail at [singletary.laura@brevardschools.org](mailto:singletary.laura@brevardschools.org)! The band website is also an excellent source of information: [johnsonband.org](http://johnsonband.org). Check it out!

CONSIDER the L.B. Johnson Middle School Band.... Be a part of a tradition of **Excellence in Music!!!!**

Sincerely,  
Laura Singletary  
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