

Dear Music Parents & Students,

9-6-11

The after school lesson program is available to all string, instrumental and vocal students in the Wakefield School District. It is an opportunity for students to take private lessons with wonderful teachers and professional musicians to enhance their own musical growth and knowledge and make the Wakefield Music Department a stronger program in our school system.

The program will begin as soon as students are contacted by the teachers. The program has become such a success that it is no longer constricted to just the school year and runs year round. Students will be matched by availability with one of the teachers in the program. All lessons will take place in one of the Wakefield Public Schools. The cost of the program is \$25 per half-hour lesson (same as previous three years) paid directly to the private teacher. Students and parents are expected to make payments to the private teacher in a timely manner as set by the teacher, and keep accurate records of these payments (cash receipts or check receipts). ***Students are required to give twenty-four hour notice to the teacher for any lessons that will be missed.***

As music facilitator of the district, I suggest that everyone in the music program take private instruction. The individual attention provided is unmatched during the school day and private teachers can focus more on individual instrument or voice technique that is just not possible in a full ensemble. It is also the best way for students to develop their interest in a different instrument than what he or she is playing now. Scholarship money is also available through the Wakefield Music Boosters and their contact person, Meg Ansaldi at Marguerite.Ansaldi@bcbsma.com.

Please return the attached form to your school music teacher **As Soon As Possible** if you are interested in taking lessons. Students can begin taking lessons at any point during the school year, but it is highly suggested to begin from day one to secure a time slot and a positive musical start to the school year. Private teachers will be contacting you directly to set up lesson times.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email at bankert@wakefield.k12.ma.us or call the high school at 781-246-6400 X6974.

Sincerely,

Thomas G Bankert
Wakefield Public Schools Music Facilitator