

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES FOUR THROUGH EIGHT

The summer is quickly coming to an end and our instrumental music teachers are planning for the new school year. To make our job of scheduling instrument lesson groups and performing ensembles easier, we ask that you return this form, along with payment, to the school by **August 12, 2011**.

All students are required to take instrumental lessons to participate in the band (Mrs. Berg) and strings (Ms. Lear) programs at Penn View. Students have the option of taking lessons in school or from a private teacher. However, we strongly suggest that those students who study with a private teacher also participate in group lessons. Group lessons improve ensemble playing and these ensembles are often featured at concerts and special occasions. The cost of instrumental lessons at Penn View will be \$250 for the school year.

There will be a meeting for **parents of beginning band and string students** on **Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:30 PM** in the Instrumental Music Room. If you are unable to attend the evening meeting, Mrs. Berg and Ms. Lear will be able to meet with parents of beginning band and string students on Monday, September 12 at 9:30 am. Our instrumental teachers will be at the meeting to answer questions about the program and a representative from Zeswitz Music will present information about their instrument rental program. Instrumental demonstrations will be presented to elementary students the week before the meeting so that students can decide which instrument they would like to play. Registration for beginners can be done in September and payment of the lesson fee should be submitted along with the registration form.

Please return the form to the main office along with your payment. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call us at 215-723-1196 ext. 1413 (Mrs. Berg - Band) or ext. 1302 (Ms. Lear - Strings).

Thank you,
The Music Department

StudentName: _____ **Grade(2011-2012)** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Instrument:** _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ My child *will* be in band/string ensemble.

_____ My child *will* be taking group lessons during the school day, **enclosed is my payment of \$250.00**

_____ My child will be taking *private lessons* outside of school with _____.
(Teacher's name)

_____ My child *will not be continuing* in band/strings.