



## Keewaydin Band Application 2017-18

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter is being sent home with your child to inform you of his/her interest in joining the Keewaydin School Band. In keeping with the goals of the Minneapolis Public Schools, I will provide small group instruction on band instruments as well as large group rehearsal settings where students will prepare for concerts throughout the year.

Students will only succeed if they are able to practice at home in addition to the lessons and rehearsals at school. It takes time for beginning musicians to develop and need much encouragement. Please support them by setting a daily practice time that works well for them. They will be given weekly assignments to practice and perform at home.

There are many expenses involved with playing an instrument. Here are some expenses that the school can help provide:

- Instrument
- Musical instrument instruction book and music to play
- Drum sticks (if percussionist)
- Instrument supplies (reeds, valve oil, cork grease, etc.).

The fee to rent an instrument from the school is \$25. If this is too much for you at this time, please donate what you can and know that your child will still be able to participate in band. You may donate more if you wish to help cover costs for those who cannot contribute. (Other accessories such as reeds or valve oil (depending on the instrument) are extra but *please* talk to me if you are concerned about these expenses.)

Please complete the form on the back of this letter, put it in an envelope with your donation, and have your child hand it in to their specialist teacher or to me by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Once I receive the application, I will set up a lesson day and time for your child and they will be able to take their instrument home.

You will receive notice of concerts and Fine Arts Night as soon as they are scheduled.

Thank you,

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:**

6<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup>

Returning band member – instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

*(you may skip the next step)*

8<sup>th</sup>

**Instrument Selection:**

If registering for beginning lessons on a band instrument, please select your child’s top three instrument choices from the following:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Percussion

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

The band teacher will then meet with your child to have them try each instrument to make sure it is the right one for them. I will take in account your choices and this assessment when assigning instruments.

**Donation:**

Please include your donation (cash or check) with this form. Make checks payable to “LNCS Keewaydin” with “Band Donation for (student name)” written in the memo line.

Enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Parent/Guardian Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

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