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Dear 5th Grade Parents & Students,

Calling all current 5th grade students: sign-up and join the Whitehall Band! Participation in our band program will provide students a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of music and performing while encouraging team building, service, and character. The Whitehall School District has a long tradition of excellence in music, and we are excited to introduce this year's 5th graders to our band program! Official sign-up will take place **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM** in the auditorium. Students and parents should plan to attend together at any time between 3:30 - 6:00 pm.

Recently, all 5th grade students were given an informal music aptitude survey and were given the opportunity to try playing many of our band instruments. Only with your approval and support can students participate in band. Participation will mean purchasing and/or renting an instrument. The school has a limited supply of instruments such as bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, trombone, baritone, and tuba that can be rented on a yearly basis. All other instruments need to be rented or purchased from one of our local music stores. Students interested in percussion must have piano experience and will need to purchase a percussion kit.

Schmitt Music from Eau Claire, and Leithold Music and SSE Music from La Crosse are all available for rental or purchasing instruments. Schmitt Music and SSE Music will be present on April 25th to take care of your purchase or rental needs, and information from Leitholds will be available. All three stores offer similar beginner plans that allow you to rent before you agree to buy. All three are reputable businesses that stop at our school each week throughout the school year.

Beginners will start learning their instruments during the week of July 15 - 18. Lessons will be offered at Whitehall High School and Peace Lutheran Church in Pigeon Falls. This week is specifically for beginners.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on **Thursday, April 25, 2019**, or if you have any questions, please call me at school, 715.538.4364 Ext. 159; mobile (preferred) 920.393.0404; or by email (preferred) at cantlonc@whitehallsd.k12.wi.us.

We are also excited to announce that the new Band Director is Mr. Stuart Neal. He will be relocating to Whitehall this summer, and this year's beginners will be his first class of Whitehall Band students! Mrs. Jackie Goplin will also be present this summer to help with the transition.

Sincerely,

Colleen Cantlon-Marler
Band Director, Whitehall Schools

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