Dear Returning ICS Band Parents,

**Did you know??????**

Music students out-perform non-music students on achievement tests in reading and math. Skills such as reading, anticipating, memory, listening, forecasting, recall, and concentration are developed in musical performance, and these skills are valuable to students in math, reading, and science.

*B. Friedman, “An Evaluation of the Achievement in Reading and Arithmetic of Pupils in Elementary School Instrumental Music Classes,” Dissertation Abstracts International.*

**This letter is to invite all ICS students who have participated in the band program in the past to rejoin our ICS Band family.** I am thrilled to instruct such a great music program and to continue our tradition of hard work and success. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of the ICS band students and families.

**Please make note of the following items** as you sign up for a new year with the ICS Band program:

**• Band Fee:** A $**100.00 fee** is requested to help offset the cost of the ICS Band program. If this fee poses a financial burden, please contact Mrs. Beverly Gaffney in our Finance Office for consideration, as we do not want to exclude anyone who wishes to take instrumental lessons from doing so.

**• Rehearsal/ Concert Schedule:**  Schedule for weekly rehearsals as well as the Christmas and Spring Concerts will be available soon.

**• Attendance Policy:**  Weekly instrumental lessons and band rehearsals are a mandatory part of participating in the ICS band program. **Students with 3 or more unexcused absences from rehearsals will not be allowed to participate in the band concert.** Students must come prepared each week with their instruments and music; a consistent failure to do so will result in a grade deduction. 7th and 8th grade band members are required to attend half-day rehearsals on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:30 – 2:15. By signing on the next page you are agreeing to cooperate with this attendance policy throughout the school year and review the requirements with your child.

The accompanying sign-up sheet and **$100 fee** must be returned to Ms. Canavan no later than **Monday, September 9, 2019.** I look forward to working with our students in building our high quality music program.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Canavan  *Instrumental Music*

**2019/2020 ICS Band Sign-up**

**(Returning Students)**

**My Child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Student’s Name

**has my permission to join the ICS Band.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Parent’s signature

**Instrument\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**As a participant in the ICS Concert Band, your child (does not have to) but may also join the ICS Jazz Band at no additional cost.**

**Please put a check below if your child wishes to join the ICS Jazz Band in addition to the Concert Band.** *ICS band students must participate in Concert Band if they wish to be a part of the Jazz Band.*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jazz Band**

**\*Email and the ICS Band website are the main forms of communication for lesson schedules and the full concert calendar.** *The ICS Band website can be located by clicking on Ms. Canavan’s name on the ICS website.*

**Parent/Guardian’s email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**