



## Jenison Bands Summer Private Lesson Program

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, it is amazing to witness the improvement that your kids have made during the school year. To ensure that your child's musical progress takes two steps forward instead of two steps back, please consider having your child participate in private music lessons, band buddy lessons, or summer music camp. Each of these opportunities are fun and valuable experiences. Lessons would provide your child with one-on-one attention to challenge and motivate them. I think we have a great line-up of adult lesson teachers, and if your child is interested in just doing band buddy lessons with a high schooler, that may be available also. Another great opportunity to consider is attending one of the many excellent music camps in Michigan. On this page is information regarding private music lessons. Private lessons are a wonderful investment in your child's music education!!

Each half hour lesson is \$15-20 (depending on your teacher's lesson fees), and for each lesson that a student takes, the Jenison Band Boosters will put \$3 into the student's band account. The credits they earn in their account can be used on band-related purchases, such as reeds, oil, band sweatshirts, or band camp in high school. Therefore, if a student takes 5 private lessons this summer, your out-of-pocket cost is \$75-100, but \$15 of that will be put into their account. The recommended number of lessons for the summer is at least 5, and you will be contacted by the private lesson teacher to set up your lessons. You will pay the private lesson teacher directly. Your information will be passed on to the teachers, and they will contact you to schedule lessons. If you are going on vacation or to summer camp, it is usually possible to adjust your lessons for those dates. Obviously lessons missed without any notice to the teacher are not made up. If you're interested in private lessons but have questions, please call or email Mr. Palma or Mrs. Gembis

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**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY FRIDAY, MAY 18**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer lessons with a professional instrumental teacher       I would prefer lessons with a band buddy if available

I currently take private lessons on my band instrument, or my preferred instructor is: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduling for our private lesson teachers can be challenging. Our teachers try to schedule lessons on one day only because they drive to Jenison to teach the lessons. Therefore, it usually will not work for a lesson teacher to have 2 students on Monday and 3 students on Tuesday. On the chart below, please circle the days and times of the week that absolutely **will not work**. In the next section you can fill out your preferences.

**CIRCLE TIMES THAT ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT WORK!**

Mon: 8AM-11AM    11AM-3PM

Tues: 8AM-11AM    11AM-3PM

Wed: 8AM-11AM    11AM-3PM

Thur: 8AM-11AM    11AM-3PM

If you have a preferred time of day or day of the week that would work best for your lesson please write it below.

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If you have any vacations taking place when you will be out of town, please write that in the space below:

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## Summer Music Camps

There are many music camps in Michigan that offer everything from week long day camps to a couple of weeks overnight in colleges or cabins. Instead of printing off pages and pages of information regarding each of these camps, I have written out the web addresses for you to look into a little further. Some of the camps offer a variety of different experiences, and many offer scholarships. In general, I think that attending Knollcrest Music Camp at Calvin College is a great way to sample music camp if you are going to your first camp. It is much more affordable because it is a local day camp. When I was a student I was fortunate to attend Knollcrest, Blue Lake, and Seminar at WMU, and I had great experiences at all of them. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these camps.

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**Knollcrest Music Camp-** [www.calvin.edu/music/events/knollcrest-music-camp](http://www.calvin.edu/music/events/knollcrest-music-camp)

**Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp-** [www.bluelake.org](http://www.bluelake.org)

**Interlochen Summer Arts Camp-** [www.camp.interlochen.org](http://www.camp.interlochen.org)

**Seminar 2015 at Western Michigan University (Grades 9-12)-** [www.wmich.edu/music-camp](http://www.wmich.edu/music-camp)

**MSU Community Music School Middle School Band Camp-** [www.cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps.php](http://www.cms.msu.edu/el/children/camps.php)

**Alma College Percussion Camps-** [www.alma.edu/academics/music/camps-workshops](http://www.alma.edu/academics/music/camps-workshops)