



ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Islip Parents/Guardians,

Choosing which instrument to play can sometimes be difficult for youngsters. To help make this process easier, the music teachers at Commack Road and Sherwood have spent the past several weeks introducing third grade students to the four families of instruments and each of their members. During these lessons, students have learned the characteristics, sound, and personality of each of the instruments. They have also heard audio and live samples of the instruments.

To help you assist your children with their choice – especially if they are on remote instruction – I would like to provide you with some online resources where you may learn about the instruments and our program yourself. The first is Be Part of the Music (bepartofthemusic.com). Here you can find information and videos for each instrument in the band and orchestra. The other is the Islip FPA website (islipfpa.com) where you can find informational videos about our recruitment process along with the selection forms.

Students will have the opportunity to consult with their school music teacher to find the instrument that will be the best fit for them. All third grade students will choose two instruments that they are interested in learning. These choices will be indicated on the instrument selection forms that will be available to download on IslipFPA.com and will be distributed to all in-person third graders in their respective buildings. Please note that instrument availability may affect assignments.

If you have any questions about our instrument recruitment process or about our musical ensembles in general, feel free to contact your child's school music teacher or myself in the Fine and Performing Arts Office. We can't wait to welcome our new band, orchestra, and chorus students in September and look forward to sharing our love and passion for music with them.

Kind Regards,

Brian Kroll
Fine & Performing Arts Director

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