

September 11, 2015

Dear Parents,

We in the music department are meeting with fifth graders to talk about the music programs. I can't stress enough the importance of a quality music program and how it will help students in all of their classes. With band, students work for excellence in their playing and that value transfers over to other subjects and sports activities.

We will have instrument rental night on September 21 in the hs band room from 7 – 9 pm.

Eastside music will have their store set up for you to secure an instrument for your student. You can show up any time that evening to talk to Eastside. You may also rent from any music store you want. Eastside is here for your convenience. To get rental costs from Eastside you can call 596-776-5570.

Please beware of Ebay horns from China. They may say director approved but they are not approved by this band director. If they break, and they do, there is no way to fix them. They are considered disposable instruments. That will certainly end the band experience for your student.

If you have questions you can email me at kevin.phillips@clawsonschools.org or call at 248-655-4222 and I will do my best to help. Remember you can rent anywhere for an instrument but be careful of the brands. I will meet with each band student and find out what they would like to play and give them a list of good instruments.

Musically,

Kevin E. Phillips