**New Boston Central School Music Department**

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Dear Fifth and Sixth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians,

My name is Lori Kjellander and I am the music teacher and instrumental director at New Boston Central School. I am very excited to bring back a wonderful opportunity to teach the students of New Boston instrumental music! This year, I am working hard to bring back our Bobcat Band. This program will provide introductory instruction and beginning ensemble experience to students interested in playing an instrument. **With distancing requirements in place for student safety, there is the potential for this program to have a limited number of available slots. With that in mind, this program requires student commitment to provide the most productive learning environment for all involved musicians.**

Same night as Back to School Night! Opposite Times as classroom info sessions.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

September 23, 2021 6:00 – 6:30 pm Gymnasium – All Prospective SIXTH GRADE Band Parents Meeting
September 23, 2021 6:35 – 7:05 pm Gymnasium - All Prospective FIFTH GRADE Band Parents Meeting

September 30, 2021 5:30 - 7:30 pm Gymnasium – Music and Arts Instrument Rental Night

Attached is the Instrumental sign-up form for this school year. Please fill out the form and return it ***before*** rental night. Forms will still be accepted ***until*** Friday October 1st to give Music and Arts time to process rentals before delivering them to the school.

**BAND INFORMATION for Grades Five and Six**

The current schedule has sixth grade band rehearsing on Wednesdays from 1:25-2:05 pm starting October 27th, and fifth grade band rehearsing from 12:40-1:20 pm. This is subject to change based on total number of participants. The goal would be to start band rehearsals the week of October 25th. All first year students will attend introductory sectionals during one recess per week from Oct. 11th–Oct. 22nd. (Afterwards sectionals will take place as needed.)

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| Monday Recess | Tuesday Recess | Thursday Recess | Friday Recess |
| **Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium** | **Alto Saxophone, Clarinet** | **Flute** | **Percussion** |

It is my intent that band lessons will begin the week of October 18th – 22nd. There will be sessions on Wednesday evenings. More information will be sent home on Friday, October 1st on lesson time options. Students are not required to take lessons at New Boston, but they are required to show proof of lessons to participate in band.

Thank you for considering the New Boston Instrumental Program,

Lori Kjellander, Instrumental Director