

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS-STRINGS

Instrumental Teacher: Ms. Katie Brown



INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM- GENERAL INFORMATION

Lessons:

- 30 minute group lesson, once weekly, on Wednesdays
- During regular school hours; students will be pulled out of a different class each week on a rotating schedule. *Students receiving RTI services will not be pulled out of the subject area classes for which they receive services.*

The signed permission form is due to the office by Friday 10/25.

Lessons will begin **Wednesday, October 30th**

Expectations:

In order to become successful at their instrument, it is imperative that your student practices. This will not only ensure success from the beginning, but will help the difficult task of learning an instrument be more enjoyable. Setting up a daily practice routine with a **minimum of ten minutes** will help practicing become part of the routine. A commitment to practicing is mandatory for your student's enrollment in music lessons.

Cost:

The cost for lessons for the 2019-2020 school year is \$240 total (\$30 monthly) which will be charged through your student's monthly FACTS account, with their tuition payment, for your convenience. Payments will begin with your November billing cycle.

Make-up Lesson Policy:

Students occasionally miss lessons due to absence from school, appointments scheduled during school, or a test during the class the student would be missing.

- It will be the parent or guardian's responsibility to contact Ms. Brown to schedule a make-up lesson. Ms. Brown can be contacted by email at kbrown@nazarethschools.org,
- *Missed lessons that are not made up will not be reimbursed by Nazareth Elementary.*
- At Nazareth Elementary we teach students personal responsibility. Lessons missed because a student forgot the lesson or comes unprepared will not be made up.

Instrument Rental:

The String House
1531 Monroe Ave
Rochester, NY 14618
(585) 442-9272

<http://www.thestringhouse.com/>

Over

Sullivan Violins
3300 Monroe Ave Suite 215
Rochester, NY 14618
(585) 325-7250
<http://www.sullivanviolins.com/>

Both shops offer rentals that are perfect for your beginner student. Rates can be found on their respective websites.

Shoulder instruments (violin and viola) will also need a shoulder rest of some sort. **Please inquire about a sponge for your student when you go to rent.**

Cellos are NOT allowed on the buses. Please consider this when your student makes their final decision.

While tempting, DO NOT purchase an instrument from EBay, Amazon, or any other online store. These instruments are cheap for a reason. Your student will have a difficult time learning to play it and a poorly set-up instrument will ultimately hinder their progress.

If you have an instrument at home that you think would be usable, please let us see it first to confirm that it is functioning properly.

Lesson Books:

All students will need to purchase a lesson book, but not immediately.

Books cost about \$10.00 and once needed, we will let you know where and how they can be purchased.

Further Communication

Once we have received everyone's permission slips, you will receive:

- A monthly lesson schedule
- A list of supplies needed

Thank you for supporting your student's decision to learn to play an instrument. I am looking forward to working with your student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (email is the best and most effective way to reach me – kbrown@nazarethschools.org).

Thank you,
Ms. Brown

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM PERMISSION SLIP - STRINGS
Due by Friday, October 25th

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument Choice (check one): _____ Violin _____ Viola _____ Cello

Please check one:

_____ My child has an instrument to use at home.

_____ My child will rent his/her instrument from elsewhere.

I grant my child permission to participate in the Nazareth Elementary Instrumental Program during the 2019- 2020 school year. I understand that payment for the program is due monthly and will be taken out of my FACTS account. I understand that it is my responsibility to initiate scheduling of make-up lessons for my child, if needed, and that lessons that are not made up will not be reimbursed. If I decide that my child will at any time discontinue his or her participation in the program, I will provide the school with a written and signed letter stating the change.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____