Dear GHR families, Sept 2026

For the first time ever, Coventry students will begin band in Grade 4! While band is elective, please note that all **6th graders in Coventry must participate in either band or choir**, and each year of band builds on the last. If your child might want to be in band in the future, now is the time to start.

Details

- **Instrument Selection:** Students have heard instrument demonstrations and shared their top three interests. We aim for a balanced "team," so while we honor first choices whenever possible, some students may be asked to play their second choice.
- **Trying Instruments:** Your child will try his or her top 3 choices with Ms. D'Angelo.

Important Dates

Date	**Action Item**
Now	Discuss with your child: the choice to be in band and which instruments they are interested in.
Sept 23	**Open House.** Ms. D'Angelo will present information about the program for parents/guardians.
Sept-October	**Students try their top choices during school with Ms. D'Angelo**
Late Oct/Early Nov.	Look for an email from Ms. D'Angelo confirming your child's instrument; **complete the Registration Form included in the email.**
Late Oct/ Early Nov.	**Rent your instrument and purchase accessories.** Ms. D'Angelo will send information about this.
Late Oct/ Early Nov.	Lesson schedules distributed
Expected Late Oct. to Early Nov.	**Lessons begin!**

Questions? Please reach out to kdangelo@coventryct.org

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen D'Angelo

4th and 5th Grade Band Director, GHR