St. Mary's County Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are happy to offer instrumental music instruction in your child's school. Band and strings classes are held three times over a two-week period during the school day for 45-minutes each class.

- Band instruction begins in fourth and fifth grade. Instruction is offered for the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, and percussion.
- Strings instruction begins in third, fourth, and fifth grade. Instruction is offered for the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, and string bass. String instruments come in different sizes, and it is imperative that a student has the correct size. A music store can assist with measuring for the correct size. Additionally, a measuring guide is located here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HfnM81qbvwZ-2auG6Ejb3BONT1JsVIXT/view?usp=sharing
- In addition to the instrument, other materials are expected for class. Your school's instrumental music teacher will provide additional information. Examples include the method book used in class; reeds for woodwinds; valve oil for brass; and shoulder rest/rock stop.for strings.
- Students may participate in the band or strings program, but not both. However, band and string students can also participate in the school's choral program.

The following businesses can assist in arranging for the rental, purchase, or repair of an instrument. When renting from a local business, you are receiving a quality instrument. The quality of instruments from online retailers or auction houses are not guaranteed and often in poor condition.

Company	Address	Phone
Island Music Company	La Plata, Maryland 20646	301-392-3960
Music and Arts	Waldorf, Maryland 20601	301-396-9336
Natasha Obourn	Southern Maryland Music and Arts Representative	Natasha.ONeal@ Musicarts.com

If your child already has an instrument, please be sure it is in good condition.

If you have further questions, please contact your school's instrumental music director.

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd J. Burroughs
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