

CASS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

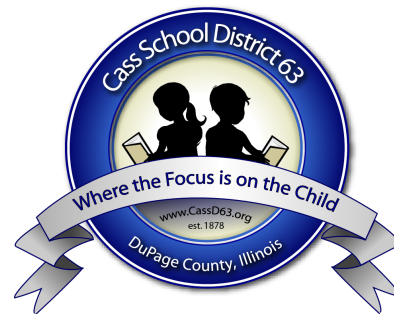
CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Mrs. Christine Marcinkewicz

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Dear Fourth Grade Parents and Guardians:

Starting in fifth grade, your child has the opportunity to participate in our band program, which is one of the many benefits of attending school in our district. The current students who are members of the Cass Junior High School band program have helped build an award-winning program that is educational and fun. Our band students excel and create lifelong memories. The Cass band program allows your child the opportunity to not only learn to play an instrument, but also to learn life skills that contribute to their success as a student and individual in our community.

I will be visiting Concord Elementary School during the week of May 23 to share the details of the band program with the fourth grade students. During this time, your child will learn about the various instruments we offer in the junior high band. Students will also have the opportunity to try the instruments in hopes they find one they would like to learn how to play. We will close out the recruitment week with a concert by the Jazz Band on May 26 that students will get to hear during the school day. It is my hope that your child will gain an enthusiasm for joining the band program as they prepare to enter junior high school.

On Thursday, May 26 at 7:00pm, there will be a meeting for the families of students who are interested in joining the band. Attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged as there will be important information regarding the junior high band schedule and band registration, the requirements and expectations of the band program, and how to acquire an instrument for your child to play. There will also be time to address any questions you may have.

Many studies have shown that young individuals who participate in music are among the academically strongest students in their schools. These studies have also shown that music students tend to have higher average test scores across multiple subjects. In addition to gaining a well rounded and fulfilling music experience through band, your child will learn to create and maintain self-discipline, group cooperation skills and build their self-confidence. My primary goal is to foster an environment that allows students to explore their creativity, ultimately leading to personal growth and development as contributing members of their school and community.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at Cass Junior High School in the gymnasium. I look forward to meeting you and hopefully working with your child.

Sincerely,

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Instrument List

Cass Junior High School Band Program

The below list outlines the instruments available for your child to try on their instrument try out day. By the end of the tryout, they will have an assessment sheet that details their ability to make a sound on the instrument. The purpose of the assessment is to help guide your child in making a good decision when picking an instrument to play in our band.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Woodwinds</u> Flute Oboe Clarinet Saxophone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Your child will have the option to try one or two of these instruments on their tryout day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brass</u> Trumpet Trombone Baritone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Your child will have the option to try one or two of these instruments on their tryout day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Percussion</u> Snare Drum Xylophone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Your child will have the option to try both of these on their tryout day. If they select percussion as their instrument, they will learn to play both</p>	

We use:

Quinlan and Fabish Music Company
for instrument rentals in Cass School District 63

If you have an instrument at home that your child would like to play, it is highly recommended that the instrument be taken to a reputable instrument repair store for an assessment and any necessary repairs or maintenance.

Mrs. Legan can answer any questions about instruments at the meeting on May 26 or via email: mduffylegan@cassd63.org