

gfps GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

May 6, 2022

Dear Music Parents and Future Music Parents:


The GFPS Music department would like to invite your son/daughter to participate in the Great Falls Public Schools Summer Music Camp this summer from June 6th – June 17th, 2022. Summer Music is fun, educational, and will get your child motivated to make wonderful music! Registration forms are available from your school's instrumental directors as well as the main office. Instructors can also assist with renting large school instruments or providing resources to find instruments for purchase that are not owned by the schools.

Here are several reasons why it is important for students to participate:

- **The GFPS Summer Music Camp program is a real bargain! It provides ten (10) lessons for only \$40 (\$4.00 per lesson).** The camp will run 10 days, Monday-Friday for two weeks, with 45 minute sessions each day for students. Teachers understand interruptions for vacations or other summer activities. It is far better to enroll for even a portion of each session than to decide not to participate because of a few planned absences. No extra charge for additional instrument lessons.
- **Music lessons provide structured, focused, disciplined intellectual activity, unlike many summer activities which are more recreational in nature.** With the amount of research linking music making with increased academic achievement in other subjects, summer music study may be beneficial far beyond the music skills being taught.
- Music is a sequential art. That is, basic skills need to be well established before more interesting and complex music can be mastered. **Taking three months off in the summer causes students to lose ground unless they are disciplined enough to practice on their own.**
- The average student/teacher ratio in middle school music is nearly 50 to 1. **Summer study allows teachers to meet students in small group instruction, improve basic skills, and correct emerging playing habits.**
- **Many classes are taught to like instrument groups.** Unlike band and orchestra classes during the school year in which there are a large number of different instruments, many of the summer music classes are divided so that the instruction is specific to one instrument or family of instruments. For instance, clarinets meet with other clarinet or woodwind players, violins meet with other violins, etc. (see schedule).

If you have any questions or need further information, contact your son's/daughter's music teachers.

Sincerely,



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2022 Summer Music
June 6 – June 17 (10 days)
 Students Attend Monday – Friday for two
 weeks at the times listed below

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE--SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

BAND

<u>NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>			<u>EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>		
	<u>Band Room 303</u>	<u>Choir Room 301</u>		<u>Band Room D3</u>	<u>Choir Room D1</u>
8:00-8:45	Beg. Clarinet	Beg. Flute	8:00-8:45	7 th Woodwinds	Beg. Flute
8:45-9:30	Beg. High Brass	6 th Woodwinds	8:45-9:30	7 th Brass	Beg. Clarinet
9:30-10:15	Beg. Low Brass	7 th Woodwinds	9:30-10:15	7 th Percussion	Beg. Trpt
10:15-11:00	Beg. Percussion	7 th Brass	10:15-11:00	Beg. Percussion	Beg. Low Brass
11:00-11:45	6 th Brass	8 th Woodwinds	11:00-11:45	8 th Brass	8 th Woodwinds
11:45-12:30	6 th Percussion	8 th Brass	11:45-12:30	8 th Percussion	6 th Woodwinds
12:30-1:15	7 th Percussion	Switchers	12:30-1:15	6 th Percussion	6 th Brass
1:15-2:00	8 th Percussion	High School	1:15-2:00	High School	Switchers

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STRINGS

<u>NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>		<u>EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	
	<u>Orchestra Room 304</u>		<u>Orchestra Room D8</u>
8:00-8:45	Beg. Violin/Viola Session 1	8:00-8:45	Beg. Violin/Viola Session 1
8:45-9:30	Beg. Violin/Viola Session 2	8:45-9:30	Beg. Violin/Viola Session 2
9:30-10:15	Beg. Cello/Bass	9:30-10:15	Beg. Cello/Bass
10:15-11:00	6 th Grade Orchestra	10:15-11:00	6 th Grade Orchestra
11:00-11:45	7 th Grade Orchestra	11:00-11:45	7 th Grade Orchestra
11:45-12:30	8 th Grade Orchestra	11:45-12:30	8 th Grade Orchestra
12:30-1:15	High School Orchestra	12:30-1:15	High School Orchestra

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