



Rawlinson

Middle School

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to another great year with the **Ed Rawlinson Band**. Here your child will be receiving some of the finest band instruction available. To further assist your child in succeeding musically, we highly recommend private lessons.

A private instructor can make a great difference in a student's performance by enhancing the obvious potential of the good student and helping the weaker one. We recommend private lessons for all band students. An average private lesson program is adequate to having good band programs; however like the saying, *"Whatever is sufficient to get us to this point is insufficient to get us further,"* a **SUPERIOR** Private Lesson Program is essential in having a **SUPERIOR** band program.

Choosing to take private lessons is probably one of the most important things a young musician can do to further their level of development. Selecting a quality private lesson teacher is key to this success. There are many qualified teachers within our area that are willing and able to teach your child in all instrumental areas. Many of those teachers are able to teach before or after school right here at Rawlinson. The lessons are once a week, thirty minutes long and cost \$15.00 to \$20.00 per lesson, depending on the teacher. (Some financial assistance is available.) During the lesson, the instructor works *"one on one"* with the student. The lessons focus on helping the students improve on the areas he/she most needs to work. Be assured that the expense is well worth it.

Once selecting to take private lessons, it is important to commit with consistence to insure a progression of improvement in your child's musical development. Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, a motivation expert and music educator states that, *"Music causes one to learn persistence and the value of "not giving up," even when there is the temptation to throw in the towel. Many have pointed to "stay power" as one of the greatest personal attributes in our society."* Having your child commit to the discipline of taking private lessons can truly attribute to the personal growth of your child.

Private lessons will lead to the success of your child in many ways. Your child may experience personal growth as well as musical growth. Your child may experience success in the classroom as well in the band hall. Successful musicians benefit by becoming strong competitors for Region Bands, All State Bands, Summer Camps, and College Scholarships.

The success of your child is very important to us. There is no student too young to begin private lessons and private lessons will help the Rawlinson Patriot Band become one of the leading band programs in the city. The lessons also help students prepare for the very competitive band program at Clark High School. We hope that you will seriously consider enrolling your child. If you have any questions, please call us at 397-4962, x3134.

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PLEASE ENROLL MY CHILD IN THE PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

CHILD'S NAME

INSTRUMENT

GRADE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

PHONE NUMBER (home and cell)