



# JENISON BANDS

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Dear 8th Grade and High School Percussion Parents,

We are excited to once again offer a great opportunity for the percussion students at Jenison Public Schools! During the second semester, our percussion staff will be giving either individual private lessons or small group lessons through the end of the school year. At a total cost of just \$50, these lessons will be required for percussionists who intend to participate in the 2024 marching band, and are strongly encouraged for any 8th grade or high school percussionists in general. The cost of \$50 may seem expensive, but \$50 would cover only 2 or 3 lessons with other percussion professionals; JPS subsidizes our percussion lessons program to make it more affordable and accessible to all of our students.

The lesson days/times will be worked out by the students/parents and the instructors once we receive your student's form and payment. You can expect to receive communication from one of the instructors by February 26. Dion Otzman and Hannah Villalobos will be returning to focus on battery percussion and Sam Markus will be returning to focus on mallet and concert percussion. Dion, Hannah, and Sam have incredible resumés and we are fortunate to have them instructing our students.

Lessons will begin as soon as the first full week of March. Students will be taking 2 or 3 lessons with each instructor to get instruction and experience on all instruments. By the end of April, the instructors and band directors will determine the best fit for each student, and marching band students will begin focusing on either Front Ensemble or Battery. Lessons will continue in small like-instrument groups.

We are all very excited to get this lessons program underway and are looking forward to seeing the growth of our musicians. The next step for students/parents will be to complete the attached lessons form and return it with payment to Mr. Zamborsky, Mr. Justice, or Mr. Guerra by Monday, February 19. The instructors will then contact you to set up a weekly lesson time. Please email Mr. Zamborsky or Mr. Justice with any immediate questions you may have.

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Percussion Lessons Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARCHING BAND STUDENTS:** Please mark your selection for which section you are interested in for the 2024 season. Section preference is not guaranteed and will be at the final discretion of the percussion staff and directors.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being part of the Battery.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being part of the Front Ensemble.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am equally interested in both the Battery and Front Ensemble.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not sure which section I would like to join.

**PAYMENT:** Please mark one of the selections below. Please make sure that either cash or checks (make payable to Jenison Public Schools) are in a sealed envelope.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying for percussion lessons with cash.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying for percussion lessons with a check.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying for percussion lessons with student credits.

***Please return this form with payment to Mr. Zamborsky, Mr. Justice, or Mr. Guerra  
by Monday, February 19!***