

STUDENT/PARENT PRIVATE LESSON INFORMATION

Two of the most important reasons to be in instrumental music are to have fun and to improve musically and personally. If you want to do these things, then you should seriously consider taking private lessons on your instrument.

We are pleased to bring you the private lesson program for 2013-2014. This program is designed to help your child to receive one-on-one instruction with a professional musician during the school day. The Private Lessons program is an optional activity available to all. Below is an outline of expectations for the program. If you are interested in becoming involved in this exciting program, return the attached sheet to your director as soon as possible. Time slots for private lessons will be filled on a first come first served basis. Lessons will begin as soon as the private teachers have organized their lesson schedule.

- Private lessons will be available during the school day and after school when the school is in session. Lessons may be arranged during the student's music class or after school.
- The price of the lessons will be up to the private lesson instructor. This amount may be prorated for longer or shorter lessons as the situation dictates.
- The Private lesson payment schedule will be arranged by the individual teachers. Students may be requested to pay a month in advance for lessons.
- Students are required to attend scheduled private lessons unless absent from school due to illness, death in the family, or an excused absence in accordance with the Center Grove School's attendance policy. Communication with your private teacher is crucial to our program's success. If you are absent from school, please contact your private teacher on the day of the absence. **A private teacher reserves the right to hold you financially responsible for a missed lesson due to an unexcused absence.**
- A representative of the music faculty must be in the building during the time that private music lessons are being taught.
- All private teachers that instruct in our school system will be qualified professional musicians who have been screened by the Center Grove Music Staff and have completed a background check through Center Grove School Corporation.

Why study?

1. You will be working with an experienced, caring teacher who is an expert on your instrument and teaches only that instrument to kids like you every day!
2. **YOU WILL HAVE MORE FUN IN MUSIC BECAUSE YOU WILL FEEL CONFIDENT AND PREPARED!**
3. Providing private lessons during the school day will also benefit the parents of our students. Most of the students presently taking private lessons outside of the school day do so at local music stores, area churches, or in a teacher's home studio. By having the lessons in school, students are not limited due to sport schedules, after school obligations, or transportation concerns.
4. By using professional musicians in the area we are also tapping into a vital community resource. These professionals would greatly enhance the music education curriculum offered at Center Grove.

On the other side of this paper is our list of recommended private teachers. All of them have taught North students in the past, and all of them will do great things for you (or your son or daughter). If you would like to discuss your situation in detail, or get a personal recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact the directors. We're happy to help! Yes, lessons are an expense, but they are an investment in your child's musical success. To take full advantage of being in the North instrumental music program, private lessons should be high on your list.

The private lesson program during the school day is being provided solely for the convenience of parents and students but should not be considered an endorsement of these individuals and their qualifications. These individuals are not employees of the Center Grove Schools. They have passed a criminal history background check. They are not approved nor endorsed by the school district. The Center Grove Schools assume no legal responsibility for these tutors and coaches and their interaction with students.

The Simple Math

Lessons = Success

Center Grove Middle School North Private Teacher Roster

Bass	Nate Olson	(317) 412-3866	ndolson@umail.iu.edu
Cello	Mikaele Klopfenstein	(317) 645-7725	bruceklop@yahoo.com
Percussion	Jason Hammond-Wood	(812) 890-5999	jasonhammondwood@mac.com
Viola	Rachel Gries	(847) 302-6523	BrqVla@aol.com
Violin	Rebecca Hoffman	(317) 476-2626	hoffmann.rebecca@yahoo.com

PRIVATE LESSONS REQUEST FORM

Please sign and return this form if you are interested in taking private lessons in the Center Grove Schools. Private lesson slots will be filled based upon when the permission slip is returned.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Shimp at Center Grove Middle School North, shimpj@centergrove.k12.in.us or 885-8800 (ex. 5160).

Student's Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Class (please circle one):	Percussion 6	Orchestra 6	Orchestra 7	Percussion 7	Orchestra 8	Band 8
M, T, Th, F schedule:	7:58-8:48	8:51-9:41	10:39-11:29	11:32-12:22	12:57-1:47	1:50-2:40
Wednesday schedule:	7:30-8:20	8:23-9:10	10:07-10:54	10:57-11:44	12:18-1:05	1:08-1:55

When would you be able to schedule lessons? (Check all that apply)
 Please understand that the schedule will be based around the private teacher's available time.

- During my child's music class
- After School (scheduled some time between 2:40 and 4:00)

If you would like to recommend a private teacher or if you are presently taking private lessons from an instructor please request below. (If they would be willing to teach at Center Grove schools)

Name _____ phone _____ email _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Home Telephone #: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent email: _____

Student email: _____