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Dear Parents:

As a fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grader, your child finally has the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before them, Be Part of the Band!

Music education is more than just playing an instrument, it is immersing your child in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about education. It challenges each child use the creative side of his or her brain while, at the same time, learning a foreign language...MUSIC.

All of the current data clearly states that students involved in music education academically outperform their non-musical counterparts. But, more importantly, studies are showing that music students are less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drugs and alcohol.

Every destination starts with a decision to embark on a journey. Now is the time to start your child in music and St. Joseph School is the place to do it. We can't promise that every child will be a musical prodigy, but we can promise they will learn, laugh, and grow along the way.

In the coming weeks, I will be sending information about the band sign-up process and the best way to choose an instrument. **There is also information on our website at www.saintjoe.org/band**.

Should you have any questions about band or your child's participation, please feel free to contact me using the information listed below.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wenmoth lwenmoth@saintjoe.org

p.s. If you would like to know more about the individual instruments or band in general, please visit www.bepartoftheband.com. to view informative and fun videos about the band instruments.