

**MARTIN J. RYERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND**  
**PERMISSION FORM**

September 2008

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent:

Welcome to an exciting new year! Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band program at M.J. Ryerson Middle School is soon to begin.

**All students participating in Band must complete this form. In order to sign-up for lessons and band rehearsals**, please fill in the form below and have your child return it to his or her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Band members will receive the new 2007-2008 Band Schedule on Monday, September 8, 2008.

**Band rehearsals will begin Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure that your instrument is in good working order.

**Pull-out Lessons will begin Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Each band member will receive a 40-minute lesson, once a week, on a rotating basis. Full band rehearsals will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays during the school day. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Members will also receive a letter grade for Band and Lessons on their report card each quarter.

This year is a very exciting year for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band. We will be performing our Winter Concert Program at both an in-school assembly and a Winter Concert. This Spring, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will perform a "Spring Concert Tour", traveling to each school in our district to perform for students in the younger grades. All of the Spring performances will be in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band which I also instruct. This is an exciting opportunity for your student to gain leadership experience and grow as a leader for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Next year, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students will join the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band with Mr. Van Teyens, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music Teacher. In the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades students have the opportunity to participate in music festivals, field trips and the Regional Band.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and especially for the opportunity to work with your child. **I am very excited to meet your child. This is truly going to be an exciting year.** If you should have any questions about continuing with band or joining band for the first time, please use my email address below or send a note to school.

Musically,

Miss Jennifer Susin  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music

Mr. Donald Van Teyens  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music

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(Please sign, detach and return to your homeroom teacher as soon as possible)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music Sign-up Form**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Homeroom #) \_\_\_\_\_

(Instrument)(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Check here if this is your first time playing this instrument) \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments include: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Tuba & Percussion.