Monroe Central HS/Woodsfield Elementary
Instrumental Music Department

Christopher G. Durigg- *Director of Music*

Dear 6th — 8th Grade Student and Parents:

Woodsfield Elementary and the Monroe Central Music Department are proud to offer instrumental music instruction for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Band will be offered as an after-school extracurricular activity this year. This is your child's opportunity to begin playing a musical instrument!

Research data suggests a connection between music studies and improved academic achievement (including ACT and SAT testing). Music also helps to build the individual in many areas:

- Self Discipline
- Cooperation with others
- Organizations Skills
- Mathematics
- Reading Skills
- Links right and left brain learning

-STEP 1 to joining band: Return the form on the next page to your homeroom teacher ASAP!
-Form Due Date: **November 12, 2014**
-Remember to circle your top 2-3 instruments.

NOTE: Even if your child doesn't want to join band, it's important to turn in the form so the music director can plan accordingly.

-STEP 2: Your child will be matched with the appropriate instrument. Students will get a chance to try out the instruments on their form with the band director or CA House Music Representative. These **instrument fittings** are essential because they help your child choose an instrument that:

-meets his or her physical and developmental traits.
-helps us achieve the necessary instrumentation.

-STEP 3: After all fittings are done, you will **receive a letter** letting you and your child know which instrument is his or her best fit. There will be a **general information night** on **November 20 at 7:00 pm.** At this time, our local music vender, CA HOUSE MUSIC will be available to provide information on instrument purchase *OR* rental.

Please fill out the form on the next page and return it to your child's homeroom teacher today!
-If you have questions, contact the music director Chris Durigg at **(740) 472-0953 ext. 3118** or by email at **chris.durigg@omeresa.net.** As we get things started, you will be able to find more updates and program information on my website at **www.wmcmusic.net** for your convenience.

Best Regards,
Mr. Christopher Durigg
Director of K-12 Music and Band

Return this page to your teacher ASAP! (no later than November 12, 2014)

My child is interested in band: YES NO

Student name:_____ Parent Name:_____

Address:_____ City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____ Best Phone # to Reach You: (__ __ __) __ __ __ — __ __ __ __

Please complete PART A OR PART B.

As a reference, pictures of the instruments can be found below.

PART A:

_____My child has previously played in Woodsfield Band.

Instrument Previously Played:_____

Student Owns This Instrument: YES NO Consider Different Instrument (for this option, also complete Part B)
(Circle One)

PART B:

_____My child has never played in Woodsfield Band.

Circle 2-3 Instruments from the list below (at least 1 woodwind and 1 brass required)

I. Woodwinds- Flute Clarinet Alto Sax

II. Brass- Trumpet Trombone Baritone

III. Percussion (Drum *and* Bells)

Instruments owned by the family available for the student to use:_____
(please note: pre-owned instruments will need to have their condition verified and be tested as a good fit for the student)

INSTRUMENT KEY:

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Trumpet

Trombone

Percussion Set (Bells and Drum)