

WEST MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL Instrumental Music Department

Dear Band Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the opportunity for children to take advanced private lessons. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many instructors are teaching digitally through virtual platforms where distance doesn't become an issue. The following information discusses the benefit of private music instruction and lists a plethora of teachers based on our recommendations, specific instrument/style focus, and cost effective options.

As a music student, private music lessons are highly recommended to help lay down a strong musical foundation and teach the more advanced techniques you need to succeed and enjoy your instrument. As a parent with a student enrolled in a school band program, private lessons will finely tune the skills learned in school. Our instructors will give them the individual attention needed to progress to higher performance levels. You will see your child blossom with new confidence as they seize opportunities to try out for auditions (area, region and all-state). Additionally, your student's efficiency while practicing will increase notably, with the detailed instruction of our proficient instructors as they guide the student and enhance the enjoyment of playing. Even for an advanced player, private lessons will polish skills, allowing development of a wide musical repertoire, opening doors to more playing opportunities.

There are many great private teachers right here in the West Milford/North Jersey area. All of our instructors have experience playing professionally on the international and local circuits and with teaching music to young, old, beginning and advanced students. If you would like to study privately please contact the following:

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| Ms. Lazzara | Flute | pattyflute@aol.com | 201-906-8260 |
| Ms. Vanderslice | Oboe | vanstudio@earthlink.net | 973-940-1619 |
| Mr. Summers | Clarinet | richardsummers@verizon.net | 201-707-3689 |
| Mr. Gramata | Saxophone/Cl/Fl | gramata7@gmail.com | 732-668-1899 |
| Mrs. McLaughlin | Trumpet | tlmclaughlin@optonline.net | 973 -208 3312 |
| Dr. McLaughlin | French Horn | drmclaughlin@yahoo.com | 973 -208 3312 |
| Mrs. Garrison | Baritone/Trombone | bgseib@embarqmail.com | 973-875-8868 |
| Mr. Shinall | Trombone | kevinshinall@gmail.com | 973-262-1701 |
| Mr. Williams | Tuba | kwilliams@hawthorne.k12.nj.us | 973-647-4013 |
| Mr. Monacelli | Percussion/Mallets | mpmonacelli@gmail.com | 201-919-1007 |
| Mr. Silverman | Drum Set | Larry.Silverman@hotmail.com | 201-213-3443 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Smolinski | Bagpipe | pipemajor@claddaghp.com | 973-879-2569 |

For those of you who planned to participate in the summer jazz program and/or are looking to focus on **jazz studies** this summer, here is the contact information for our incredible jazz faculty and other great jazz educators:

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| Mr. Hayward | Saxophone | timberesfordhayward@hotmail.com |
| Mr. Yaremko | Saxophone | craigyaremko@gmail.com |
| Mr. Saltzman | Saxophone | info@jimsaltzman.com |
| Mr. Tolentino | Saxophone | jtolemusic@gmail.com |
| Mr. Cutro | Trumpet | vcutro@vinniecutro.com |
| Mr. Ecklund | Trumpet | ecklundn@yahoo.com |

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| Mr. Verderese | Trombone | onemoreoncebigband@gmail.com |
| Mr. Hendricks | Trombone | Darrell.hendricks@motsd.org |
| Mr. Shinall | Trombone | kevinshinall@gmail.com |
| Mr. Perez | Piano | perezo@montclair.edu |
| Mr. Schechter | Piano | schechter22@yahoo.com |
| Mr. Latham | Drums | karl.latham@gmail.com |
| Mr. Moring | Bass | billmoring@verizon.net |
| Mr. LaSpina | Bass | steve@stevelaspina.com |
| Mr. Myers | Guitar | paulclarkemeyers@gmail.com |
| Mr. Sigler | Guitar | charliesigler@gmail.com |

There are many fantastic musicians who have graduated or are currently in the West Milford band program that are available for private lessons. These students have been selected to North Jersey Area Band, North Jersey Region Band, NJ All State Band, The Honor Band of America, and attend some of the finest music schools in the country. Some are even pursuing degrees or are currently in the field of music education. **If cost of private instruction and traveling** to a specific location for lessons is a concern, studying with one of these fine individuals will be cost effective and most likely be able to come to your home. If you would like to study privately please contact the following:

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| Amanda Roth | Flute | arothmobile@gmail.com | 973-945-5072 |
| Kathryn Keller | Oboe | kathrynkellr@gmail.com | 973-222-9247 |
| Alexis Silverman | Clarinet/Bass Cl | alexisilverman16@gmail.com | 973-908-9747 |
| Sean Partington | Clarinet | sparring.572@gmail.com | 201-205-3024 |
| Brian Kachur | Saxophone | bkachur@umich.edu | 973-567-2231 |
| Dan Dauber | Saxophone | dandauber531@gmail.com | 914-303-6619 |
| Peter Suckiel | Trumpet | psuckiel00@gmail.com | 973-207-1533 |
| Zach McIntyre | French Horn | | 973-908-4091 |
| Ben McLaughlin | Trombone/Baritone | bcmclaughlin155@gmail.com | 862-666-0112 |
| Shane Duffy | Trombone/Bass Gtr. | shane.duffy@wmtps.net | 845-324-0301 |
| Hunter Mangano | Tuba/Bass | h.t.mangano@gmail.com | 973-897-8275 |
| Stephen Rampolla | Percussion/Piano | Stephen.rampolla@gmail.com | 973-800-2079 |

Feel free to contact us regarding any questions or recommendations of any of these fine instructors. **Take the next step towards your musical success!**

Musically,

Ms. McPartland & Mr. Paccione - Macopin Middle School Directors
 Dr. McLaughlin & Mr. Gramata - West Milford H.S. Directors