**McKamy Middle School Private Lesson Program**

It is the goal of the McKamy Middle School Band department to provide the very best learning experiences for each student. One of these learning experiences is the opportunity for a student to study privately with a professional instrumentalist. This enrichment opportunity is available to all band students in grades 6-8.

The private lesson program allows interested students to receive additional individual help in their musical training. This individual attention generally improves the performance level of the individual student and also has a positive effect on the band in which the student participates. One of the greatest contributing factors to the success to the McKamy Bands is the active involvement of our students in the private lesson program. The key to success with this opportunity is to start early and continue throughout the year.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

* Students of all levels can benefit from private instruction.
* Students normally take one 30-minute lesson each week. The cost of each lesson is $20.00 for those students studying with our teachers who have a music degree.
* Lessons may be scheduled before school, after school, and during band depending on the schedules of the students and the teachers. In some cases, due to the length of a class period, 22-minute lessons may be necessary. The cost will be $17.00
* Before the first lesson of the month, the teacher will present the student an invoice of the amount due for that month. All payments should be returned to the private teacher. Students pay a month in advance.
* If a student misses a lesson they will be credited for that lesson only if they contact the lesson teacher in advance. If the teacher misses, the student will be credited for the missed lesson. We will have a contact list available.
* Parents should encourage their child to have a regular practice time each day and to prepare their materials for their private lesson in addition to their assignments for band class.
* Even though the majority of students choose to take private lessons, they are not required and are not a part of the student’s grade in band.
* The instructors are specialists on their instruments. Many have advanced degrees in music and perform professionally. These teachers are handpicked by the directors to ensure that all of our students will receive quality instruction. Please do not attempt to employ another teacher without consulting the directors.

**To sign up for private lessons fill out the other side of this page and turn it in to the directors.**

**Private Lesson Sign-up Form**

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**STUDENT NAME INSTRUMENT**

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**PARENT NAME(S)**

**CHECK ONE:**

We are interested in private lessons. Please have the private lesson instructor contact us as soon as possible.

**PHONE NUMBER:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Alt. PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TIME PREFERENCE (Circle)** Before School During Band Class After School

We are already taking private lessons with: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

**McKamy Middle School Approved Private Instructors**

Flute – Jiyhe Choi

Oboe - Dr. James Hobbs

Bassoon – Russ Riding

Clarinet –Myoung Sook Song & Joel Auringer & Katie Combest

Saxophone – Sarah Dunbar

Trumpet – Scott Copeland & Justin Juarez

French Horn – Heather Sucholdolski & Nancy Jarrett

Trombone – Eston Bell and Jon Gill

Euphonium/Tuba – Richard Demy

Percussion – Michael Jones