

Dear Freshman Parents,

First off, we hope the start of the school year has been a positive experience for your child and for you! We realize that there are a lot of opportunities for your kids - some new and some already established. On our end, in addition to what we offer our band students, the music department has a private lesson program.

Private lessons are taught by a professional on their instrument. This gives students an opportunity to refine their skills at a high level in a one on one setting. Students in the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra Winds Section are expected to enroll in private lessons, something they have found to be very rewarding. We are very fortunate to have an established private lesson program in that, in most cases, lesson teachers teach at school during the students' study hall periods. We have lesson teachers for every wind and percussion instrument.

The success of our programs in District 128 has come largely in part to many of our students taking private lessons. Freshman year is a great time to enroll in private lessons to help students reach their full potential on their individual instrument. Even if your child does not plan to pursue music as a career, the work ethic, patience, and determination needed to learn to master an instrument are invaluable qualities that he/she can use in any field. We highly recommend that you consider enrolling your child in them!

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact us at randy.sundell@d128.org or david.tribley@d128.org or ph. 847-932-2162. We also have our lesson teacher contact page at the web link below:

<http://vhscougars.org/content/private-lessons>

Best,

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