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Dear Beginning Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to band! Students will be given the opportunity to learn an instrument and play exciting music in band concerts throughout the year.

First, we are going to have students go through an instrument selection for the Band. When choosing an instrument for a student, there are a number of factors that must be considered. Amongst these are: a student's physical compatibility with the instrument, and the student's wishes. But, as students are going to be members of a Concert Band, the most important factor is the needs of the band as a whole, and like a sports team needs a certain number of people at every position. In order for a band and its individual members to have the best possible chance of success, the band must have all of the instruments fundamental to creating the sound of a concert band.

Our band needs the following numbers of people in the following positions:

Flute	Trumpet
Clarinet	Baritone
Alto Saxophone	Trombone

Returning students have participated at an instrument demonstration at the end of the last year and have seen and tried each one. New students unfamiliar with these instruments can see me to hear and try them out. Students and parents should note that in order for all students to have an equal chance at all the instruments, that previous experience on an instrument does not necessarily guarantee that a student will be playing that instrument.

### **Instrument Rental Night**

Parents and students are free to get their assigned instrument on their own, but to simplify this process we invite you to attend the Rental Night at Sunshine Hills on **Thursday, September 21st from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.** The music company we are working with is Tom Lee Music. Tom Lee Music is able to provide everything our students need: excellent quality instruments and equipment. (Tom Lee will only be accepting credit cards during the rental night). **No child will be denied participation for lack of funds. All information is confidential. Please contact Mr. Ho should the need arise.**

Students will need a number of things in preparation for Band 6: musical instrument, instrument accessories (I.e. box of reeds, neck straps, valve oil, cleaning kits, etc), band book (Essential Elements), music folder, pencil, and a music stand for home (optional). Practicing with a proper music stand will promote good posture and a better sound on their instrument!

If you have any questions, or are unable to make the rental night, please contact me at Sunshine Hills Elementary.

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