

September 2, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Performing Arts Center of MetroWest (PAC) in partnership with the Framingham Public Schools is offering after-school group instrument lessons to students in fourth and fifth grade. There will be two semesters of 16-week lessons during the school year. The schedule for lessons at each school is listed on the attached form. Lessons will be taught by PAC instructors.

Important Deadlines:

Friday, September 9: Mail forms & payments to PAC, 140 Pearl St., Framingham, MA 01702

1. **Last day to register your child for lessons.** Registration form due, along with \$180 (\$35 deposit and first semester payment of \$145).
2. If you have already sent in your \$35 registration fee, please send first payment of \$145. Second payment of \$145 will be due in January.

If there are not enough students enrolled to run a class, we will refund your payments.

By Friday, September 16: You will be notified via email where lessons will take place in your child's school or the alternate location at PAC.

Week of September 19: Lessons begin after school.

Instruments: Students should provide their own instrument and may obtain an instrument from a source of their choice. To rent an instrument, we recommend that parents investigate the rental/purchase plans offered by various music companies and stores in the area such as **Centre Music House of Framingham**, a recommended local source for both rental instruments and books. Instruments must be of good quality and in excellent playing condition. Renting or purchasing an instrument from a local music store will insure that children will achieve a higher level of success with a better quality instrument. The student should bring the instrument to every lesson. For those students who cannot afford to rent an instrument, we may be able to loan you one for the school year. Please contact the PAC office at (508) 875-5554.

Books: Band students should purchase the instrumental music book – **Standard of Excellence by Bruce Pearson**. Strings students should purchase **Strictly Strings by Jacquelyn Dillon**.

Practice at Home: Parents are advised that successful participation in this program requires consistent attendance at lessons and practice for 15-30 minutes, about four-to-five days per week.

Payment plans are also available. Please contact the PAC office at (508) 875-5554 to make arrangements.

Cancelled Lessons: If lessons are cancelled because of the school schedule or weather, arrangements will be made to make up the lessons.

PAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, encourage and nurture the performing arts to empower the human spirit. Our goal for the FPS Lessons Program is to teach band and string instruments, while helping students experience the joy and magic of music! We hope that you will consider this program for you child. Music lessons greatly enrich the entire educational experience, providing a valuable use of extracurricular time, and serving as a wholesome outlet for the energies of children and teens.

Questions regarding this program should be addressed to Sherry Anderson, Executive Director of PAC.

Performing Arts Center of MetroWest
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Email: pac@pacmetrowest.org ~ Website: www.pacmetrowest.org

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO Performing Arts Center (PAC) No Later than September 9
PLEASE PRINT AS NEATLY AS POSSIBLE – THANK YOU!

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Grade 2011/12: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Homeroom #: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Alt. Phone: _____ Alt. phone Type: Cell/Work (please circle one)

Please check which instrument your child wishes to play:

_____ Flute _____ Clarinet _____ Alto Saxophone _____ Drum Pad/Bells Kit
_____ Trombone _____ Trumpet _____ Violin _____ Viola _____ Cello
_____ First Year Instrument Student _____ Second Year Instrument Student

Lessons will be held on the following days at each school

If your child cannot attend lessons afterschool at his/her school, and you would like them to take group lessons at the Performing Arts Center at 6 pm, please check below:

Barbieri:	Tuesdays (first & second years)	
Brophy:	Mondays (first years)	Tuesdays (second years)
Dunning:	Tuesdays (first years)	Wednesdays (second years)
Hemenway:	Mondays (first years)	Tuesdays (second years)
McCarthy:	Tuesday (first years)	Wednesdays (second years)
Potter Road:	Wednesdays (first years)	Thursdays (second years)
Stapleton:	Wednesdays (first years)	Thursdays (second years)
Wilson:	Wednesdays (first years)	Thursdays (second years)

_____ ***Optional Location:** Mondays (first years), Tuesdays (second years) at Performing Arts Center at 6pm

Has your child had any previous experience with this instrument? If so, please describe: _____

I give my child permission to participate in the after-school instrument lessons program run by the Performing Arts Center of MetroWest (PAC) and agree to waive PAC and its staff, faculty, and board of directors, from liability for accidental personal injury or damage to or loss of property.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give the Performing Arts Center of MetroWest (PAC) permission to use photos and/or video of my child for publicity purposes.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that I am registering my child for 32 lessons, with a \$35 registration fee & two payments of \$145 (\$290 total) tuition. I understand that 75% of the tuition is refundable up to the fourth lesson.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

\$35 Deposit required with this registration form.

Please make checks payable to PAC MetroWest and mail to 140 Pearl St., Framingham MA 01702

For office use only:

Date: _____	Cash	Check # _____	Credit Card	Paid: \$ _____	Balance Due: \$ _____
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