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It is my pleasure to invite you and your children to be a part of the **SSA+S Band Program**. We hope this will be the beginning of a long and successful association with music. All incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to join the band at SSA+S. **No prior experience is necessary to become a member of the band.**

**TAKE NOTE: Students taking band will not be part of the "Art-Wheel" classes. Band is a full-time course that takes the place of art, technology, and performing arts.**

Band is a great experience. There are many benefits and rewards for good band members and good musicians. Please consider giving your child the opportunity to learn a skill that they can take with them throughout life. An interesting fact you should be aware of is that students that are in good music programs show consistently higher standardized test scores. Another little known fact is that a considerable amount of college money is given every year to band students, far more than is ever given to athletes. At the hands of a skillful teacher, band students are given healthy discipline, a sense of responsibility to the group, confidence in expressing themselves, and many other benefits.

**Band instrument testing will be done at "Band Night" (Thursday, April 29th) in the SSA+S band room.** At this time you should start making the decision of what instrument to play in the band. We will be making a recommendation to each child that is interested in band, regarding what instrument to play. A representative from an instrument rental company will be present to inform you of affordable rental rates for various band instruments. **Please do not purchase or rent a band instrument until a recommendation has been made.** To be included in our "Band Night", please note your information below and include with your registration.

The instruments that are taught are: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion. **(No stringed instruments are used in concert band.)**

I look forward to working with you and your children this year and in years to come.

**Mr. Tony Guiliano**

Director of Bands  
SSA+S

Student Name / Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently own (circle one): YES / NO

Number of Years Playing / Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_