

Dear Parents/Guardians of _____,

Your student has been assigned to play _____ (May change based upon instrument availability) in the Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School Band. You are invited to attend the **CKMS Band Expo at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the CAFETERIA** to purchase your necessary supplies and band book. And is a chance for you to rent instruments from the school or purchase instruments, based upon your qualifications. If you would like to discuss the instrument selection process with me, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have assigned instruments based upon your student's input and what I think would be a good choice for each student. I have also met with each student to discuss this instrument choice with him or her.

There will be a few supplies necessary to keep your instruments in good working condition and for sanitary reasons, whether those are purchased or rented from the school. The music store will have pre-made packets for purchase already with all the supplies included. Instruments require cleaning and maintenance and all band students are asked to purchase items for their instrument. In addition, you may rent from the school for \$30 or purchase instruments through the local music stores. Please do not purchase instruments online without checking with the band director first.

- Tuba, Euphonium, French Horn, and Oboe: Automatically rent from the school (Must purchase own mouthpiece and supplies.)
- Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, and Trombone: Recommended to purchase but can rent from the school (Must purchase own mouthpiece and supplies if renting from the school)
- Percussion: Will sign waiver for in-school use but will purchase practice instruments for home
- All instruments: Must purchase supplies and Essential Elements 2000 Book 1

If you cannot afford these items at this time, the CKMS Band may be available for assistance. Please contact Ms. Tochiki so we can work something out.

The meeting should last about an hour total. It will start with a presentation about band and then give you time to get all of your materials. Kauai Music and Sound will be there to help you get all your supplies and the school instruments will be ready for renting. *Please make sure you bring cash or check if renting from the school and cash, check, or credit card for purchases from the music store.*

I am very excited to get to know your students and to have their start learning their instruments. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Also, please mark your calendars for their Preview Concert on December 10 at 6:30 in the Kilohana Playcourt and their Spring Concert on May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Mahalo,

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