

# LISLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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## SCHIESHER FIFTH GRADE BAND

TO: Parents of Fifth Grade Band Members

FROM: Scott Gumina and Steven Green, Band Directors

In addition to the weekly fifth grade band lessons, we will be holding fifth grade full band rehearsals in the Senior High School Band Room on Tuesday afternoons from 3:05 - 4:05. These rehearsals will be held every week school is in session starting January 5 and continuing through May 11. All of our students look forward to the exciting full band rehearsals and the fun of performing for their family and friends.

These rehearsals are very important to the students' musical development as we teach many concepts that are not covered in the weekly lessons. In the after school full band rehearsals we combine all the students to prepare for this year's concerts, therefore, it is absolutely necessary for the students enrolled in the fifth grade band program to attend all of the rehearsals. Please try to avoid after school appointments on Tuesdays as the students miss a great deal of material when they are gone. Wrestling coaches will instruct students also involved in wrestling to attend band on Tuesdays and wrestling the other days.

Transportation to the high school and to home will be provided by the school district. Buses will leave Schiesher before the regular dismissal time and take the students from Schiesher to the Senior High School for the 3:05 rehearsal. Two Fifth Grade Band buses will take the students to appropriate neighborhood bus stops after rehearsal. The bus service after the rehearsals will also include those students who normally walk to Schiesher. Parents have the option of picking up the students after rehearsal as this will be a faster way home. The two activity buses do take some time due to the large routes.

The Fifth Grade Band will present their first **Concert on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The concert, held at Schiesher Elementary School, will demonstrate our progress and entertain everyone. In preparation for the concert, **the after-school rehearsal on January 19<sup>th</sup> will be held at Schiesher Elementary School.** Invite all the relatives and bring your video cameras for this entertaining first performance.

### HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINTS

The winter break traditionally brings some doubts and lack of progress on the part of our students. The "newness" has worn off of the instruments and progress will depend on each child's effort. Please encourage your child to "weather" the New Year's slump and continue to practice. Listen to your young musician and provide time for "mini-concerts" at home during the holidays. The more the student puts into the careful practicing of their instrument each week, the more enjoyment and feeling of accomplishment he/she will experience.

Private lessons are always encouraged and are valuable for students who may need extra guidance to assist their progress or as enrichment for any of our musicians. Many private lesson teachers are available in the area and lists may be obtained through Mr. Green or Mr. Gumina.

**FIRST REHEARSAL - TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010**  
**HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM from 3:05 - 4:05 P.M.**