

PRIVATE LESSONS!!!

NEVER TAKEN PRIVATE LESSONS BEFORE???? LET US HELP EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS:

Private lessons are one-on-one instruction with a master teacher of a certain instrument. Lessons are 30 minutes and are held after school. Mr. Linder, Mrs. Clift, Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Fish are not private lesson teachers. Private lessons enhance and build upon what the child is learning in the band class. **PRIVATE LESSONS ARE FOR ANY LEVEL OF STUDENT IN ANY GRADE**, from the student with the highest musical ability to the student who still may be struggling in certain areas of their playing (or even a beginner). The private lesson instructor evaluates where that particular student is in their musical development and pushes them further ahead. (However, beginner students do not need to worry that they will move ahead of the class and be bored.) Private lessons work on an individual's needs, strengths, and weaknesses. What a great advantage to receive individual help coming from a class of 15 – 60 students! Students work on sound, technique, building range, and learning all notes on their instrument. Older students receive help on things like scales, All – Region music, and solo literature. We cannot stress enough the benefits from private lessons. Students who play a school owned instrument (Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium and Tuba) are strongly encouraged to participate in the private lesson program.

What's the next move? Read through the district policies on Private lessons. This can be found by going to the district web site www.pearlandisd.org. Under the Departments menu select Fine Arts, the private lesson info will be on the left of the screen. Fill out the Registration Form in the Private Lesson Info packet (also on the reverse of this page) and return it to a band director.

What is the cost of Private Lessons? Most of our teacher have college degrees PISD has set the rate for them at \$25 per lessons, teachers who do not have a college degree \$23.

Where do private lessons take place? Much of the time, students take lessons in the afternoon / evening at the PJH-S Band hall. Some teachers are also available to teach during your child's band class. Sometimes private lesson teachers set up a schedule of students at another school in the district. You may be asked if it is convenient to travel to one of those other schools in Pearland.

Please email the band directors if you have questions. We feel private lessons are important enough to take the time to explain anything you might be concerned / confused about. Thank You!!

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Guidelines for Participation

Student Registration/Parental Permission

- ✓ I desire my child to participate in the Private Lesson Program.
- ✓ I have received a copy of the Guidelines for Participation and agree to abide by all its conditions and policies.
- ✓ I understand that the cost for instruction is \$23 or \$25 per lesson payable as set by the instructor.

Student _____ (Print Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent Email _____

Secondary Email _____

Instrument _____

School _____ Director _____

Please return this registration form to your child's band director as soon as possible.

To be completed by the Private Instructor

Private Instructor _____

School _____

Lesson Day/Time _____

Director's approval signature _____