

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Parents & Students of the Kennedy High School Band Program:

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! As in years past, in order to begin musical instruction as soon as possible, the band program will start collecting monies from students that require an instrument from the school. It is our goal to issue instruments as soon as we can so that once our instrument PPE covers arrive we can begin live playing.

As you know, students are required to pay a \$90 maintenance fee before they can be issued a school instrument. This money is used for repairs and upkeep of the instruments during the school year. Although the instruments used at Kennedy High School are of good quality, the daily “wear and tear” warrants periodic repairs. In addition, all percussion students are required by the district to pay the maintenance fee **or** they can make a one time purchase of their own stick bag from the Long Island Drum Center with a variety of mallets they would use in school (see attached flier) and it can last them for four years.

At this time, log on to shorturl.at/hnwDN to fill out a registration form (or visit your child's Google Classroom page) then please send a check in the amount of \$90, payable to **BELLMORE-MERRICK CHSD. Please turn in checks no later than Tuesday, September 29th.**

For Woodwind and Brass players it is *highly suggested* that students use their own mouthpiece. Please see the band manual for suggestions. Students who do not plan to use a school issued instrument are not required to pay the maintenance fee. In addition, all students will be given a mouthpiece brush and person mouthpiece sterilizer this year.

Thank you for your continued support and welcome back to school! If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mr. Avellaneda
Director of Bands

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Please detach this form and return it with your check.

Name: _____

Instrument: _____