

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! As in years past, in order to begin musical instruction immediately during the first weeks of school, the band program will start collecting monies from students that require an instrument from the school. Due to our performance obligations fairly early in the school year, we will be issuing instruments as quickly as possible.

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 who do not provide their own basic mallets/sticks will either have to pay the fee yearly or purchase a stick bag. Please see Mr. Avellaneda if you aren't interested in this option.

At this time, please send a check in the amount of \$90, payable to **BELLMORE-MERRICK CHSD. Please turn in checks no later than Monday, September 15th.** *I am very cognizant of the expenses of the beginning of the school year; if you'd like to - please contact me ASAP so I can help.*

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.

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

Please detach this form and return it with your check

Name: _____

Instrument: _____