

# Frost Middle School Instrumental Music

Orchestra / Band

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Dear Music Patron,

Hello, my name is Michael Rais and I am the director of orchestra and bands for Livonia Frost Middle School. I would like to tell you about our music department and ask you to support a program that is crucial to the continuation of a successful music program.

“Adopt-an-Instrument” is a program that directs donations from Frost music patrons directly into instrument replacement. Every year music instruments that have worn out beyond repair must be retired and thus need to be replaced. Currently, the FMS orchestra needs to replace, among other instruments, a couple cellos at the cost of approximately \$1,000 each.

We realize fundraising efforts were completed at the beginning of the school year and we appreciate your generosity! However, those funds will be used to pay for music clinics for students, professional musicians hired to assist individual sections, as well as the entire ensemble, fieldtrips to further music education and more. “Adopt-an-Instrument” is the only avenue currently available to raise the additional funds needed to purchase musical instruments.

The goal of this program is to provide instruments to those students who need them, particularly those wishing to play the larger instruments such as tuba and bassoon, which music companies do not rent due to their size and cost. All students benefit when an ensemble has a full representation of instruments allowing them to produce a true concert sound.

Studies have shown that students who participate in music score consistently higher on standardized math and reading tests. In addition, there are the added benefits of building self-esteem, self-discipline, creativity and personal and interpersonal skills. Won't you please consider making a difference in the life of a music student?

In the past, your generous contributions were acknowledged publicly via the Music Patron Board outside the Frost music room. Due to the rising costs associated with the upkeep of the board, we are currently transitioning to a new system of acknowledgement. Our benefactors will be noted in the music programs distributed at Frost Middle School music concerts. All donations are tax deductible. To participate, please completely fill out and return the form on the reverse side of this page. Your donation will enhance and enrich the hearts and minds of the Frost music program ~ our kids!

Furthermore, we invite you to attend our concerts and see our exciting band program first-hand. We are an award-winning music department and are proud of our students' accomplishments. We also have a jazz band, honors ensemble, and electronic string ensemble.

Thank you for your generous donation, and we look forward to entertaining you musically and producing the best musicians in Livonia Public Schools for years to come!

Sincerely,

Michael Rais

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## Adopt-an-Instrument

(Please PRINT clearly so a receipt may be mailed to you)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name to be listed in the program

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Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Frost Middle School.

Send form and money to:

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