Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Congratulations! You will soon be embarking on a new and wonderful experience - The Kingsley Middle School 5th Grade Band! I can’t wait to begin working with you, and I hope you are just as excited as I am to begin this musical journey.

After much consideration, I have decided on what I feel is the best instrument for you. My decision is based on your desire to play a certain instrument, as well as a balanced instrumentation for the band. I am very pleased to say that almost everybody has received his/her first choice! The instrument recommended for you is:

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If there is a problem with the recommendation, please contact me as soon as possible. The letter attached discusses how you will obtain your instrument. We will be using **Tradition of Excellence Book 1 by Bruce Pearson**. Books can be obtained online, or from Marshall Music in Traverse City. Marshalls is where you can rent or purchase an instrument. They have a great working relationship with our school (I rented my first instrument from them back in 6th grade). You will also need reeds if you are a clarinet/saxophone.

If you or your parents would like to purchase from somewhere else, let me know so I can help you avoid scams or “to good to be true” deals.

Again, please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to making music with this fall!

Sincerely,

Lance Dubay

Director of Bands

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**Beginning Band Supplies**

**Instrument- Please have instrument ordered/purchased by September 21, 2020**

**Book-** Tradition of Excellence Book 1 by Bruce Pearson (for the instrument you play)

**Clarinets-** Mitchell Lurie #3 reeds 10ct box

**Saxophones-** Rico Royal (blue box) #3 reeds 10ct box

\*\*All Instruments should have a cleaning kit. This is a major investment, and should be properly maintained. I teach maintenance procedures for all instruments to ensure a long life.

\*Pencils

\*\*\*Music stands are an optional purchase for at home practice, but they make a world of difference in ensuring your student is setup for success. They eliminate many of the posture problems that can develop from young band students.

You Can Rent online See Marshallmusic.com for details!