

Elementary
Instrumental Music
Parent Night



### Washington Township Public Schools Elementary Instrumental Music Staff

Mr. Casey Corigliano, K-12 Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts

Band

Bells, Birches, Thomas Jefferson, Wedgwood & Whitman – Dr. Bushong Hurffville – Ms. Sebastiani

Strings

Bells, Hurffville, Thomas Jefferson, Wedgwood & Whitman – Mr. Smith Birches – Ms. Sebastiani











## Free Concert The United States Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus

Friday, March 15, 2019 • 7:30PM Investors Bank Performing Arts Center at Washington Township High School sponsored by

**Washington Township Public Schools** 

WATCH FOR TICKET INFORMATION THIS WINTER!



### Instrument Rental Program

Mrs. Stacey Cafagna, Music & Arts

# Lesson Schedules and How to Contact your Music Teacher, Ms. Sebastiani



Washington Township Schools
Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher Schedule
2018-2019

School/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Instrumental Music
Bells	Mr. Smith – Strings 589-8441 ext. 4119	Dr. <u>Bushong</u> – Band 589-8441 ext. 3457				Teacher Email Directory
Birches		Ms. Sebastiani – Strings 232-1290 ext. 4473			Dr. Bushong -Band 232-1290 ext. 3457	
Hurffville	Ms. <u>Sebastiani</u> – Band 589-7459 ext. 4473		Mr. Smith Strings 589-7459 ext. 4119			Dr. Bushong – mbushong@wtps.org Ms. Schastiani –
Thomas Jefferson	Dr. Bushong – Band 589-8248 ext. 3457			Mr. Smith – Strings 589-8248 ext. 4119		Mr. Smith – esmith@wtps.org
Wedgwood		Mr. Smith – Strings 227-8110 ext. 4119		Dr. Bushong — Band 227-8110 ext. 3457		
Whitman			Dr. <u>Bushong</u> – Band 227-1103 ext. 3457		Mr. Smith Strings 227-1103 ext. 4119	



### Practice Hints/Band Instrument Care, Dr. Bushong

Practice Hints/String Instrument Care,
Mr. Smith



The Washington Township Instrumental Music program is comprised of many active musical organizations. Every member makes a daily contribution to the overall music-making process. Our rehearsals and performances allow these student musicians to experience the world of music through their active participation.

As a performing member of the band or orchestra, an important tool in the improvement of your child's playing ability is his/her instrument. The instrument is the vehicle that brings the total musical experience to life. Though they may all look alike, rest assured that a good musical instrument can go a long way toward making the musical experience a positive one. As teachers, we have experienced how an inferior instrument can inhibit the progress of a student and potentially lead to a student dropping out of the instrumental music program.

We find that students who play a better-quality instrument often find playing to be easier, their sound to be better and band or orchestra class to be more enjoyable.

There are many quality instruments from which to choose. If you are interested in making an investment in your child's music education, please consider the rental or purchase of a quality musical instrument. Some brands that we recommend for band include: Bach, Selmer, Gemeinhardt and Yamaha. If you find other brands you like, please get in touch with someone you trust for advice. String students have a variety of makes and models to choose from as well. In addition, string students must use an appropriately sized instrument. Your school's string specialist will measure your child to ensure that they use an appropriately sized instrument. As he/she grows, larger sizes will be necessary. Rental programs typically allow you to trade up to larger sizes as your child grows, without additional cost.

If you choose to purchase an instrument from an individual or non-traditional music store, be sure to inquire about warranty, support and availability of loaner instruments in the event a repair is needed. For various reasons, including the availability of parts, some traditional music stores may not repair instruments purchased in non-traditional music stores. Purchasing an auction-type instrument whether new or used, can also be problematic. Some instruments may be in good shape however most instruments, especially older ones, require a visual and playing inspection to accurately ascertain their quality and playability. A used instrument frequently requires repair and set-up to make it playable. This can add significantly to the overall cost.

For more information, please contact your child's school band or string specialist, consult your child's private music instructor or visit one of the local music stores that provide quality instruments.

Thanks again for supporting your child's participation in band and orchestra. Music makes a difference!



#### 2018-2019 Concert Dates

Hurffville/Wedgwood – Monday, March 18, 2019

Birches/Whitman – Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Bells/Thomas Jefferson – Wednesday, March 20, 2019

All Concerts Begin at 7:00pm
In the Investors Bank Performing Arts Center
At Washington Twp. High School

\*Snow Dates would be the following week\*



### Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

Any other questions??

Thank you for your attendance this evening!