

ICS Band Information Form 2021 - 2022

Dear New and Returning ICS Band Parents,

My name is Elizabeth Canavan and I am the band director at ICS. As I begin my 6th year of teaching at ICS, I am thrilled to continue instructing such a great band program. I am looking forward to starting lessons and band rehearsals very soon with our amazing ICS instrumentalists. I am confident that this is going to be a great year of music making for the ICS band program!

This letter is to invite all new and returning ICS students to join our ICS band family. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of our ICS band students and families.

Please make note of the following items as you sign up for the ICS band program:

- **Band Sign-Up Form:** Band sign-ups are through Google Forms. Please visit [icsbandnj.com](https://www.icsbandnj.com) where you will find the sign-up form
- **Instrumental Music Fee:** A **\$100.00 fee** is requested to help offset the cost of the ICS band program. If this fee poses a financial burden, please contact Mrs. Beverly Gaffney in our Finance Office for consideration, as we do not want to exclude anyone who wishes to take instrumental lessons from doing so.
- **Band Rehearsals and Group Lessons:** Each student will attend a weekly pull-out group lesson for his or her instrument. Lesson times will rotate to prevent students from consecutively missing the same class. The 4th and 5th grade bands will each meet once a week at recess time for band rehearsal. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands will each meet for a 45 minute period once a week before dismissal. The 6th grade jazz band will meet once a week during recess, and The 7th & 8th grade jazz band will meet once a week before school. The weekly band schedule will always be available on my website.
- **Instrument Rentals:** If you are renting your child's instrument through our preferred music store, Elefante Music Shop, I request that you please do so online. Please visit <https://www.shopelefantemusic.com/> where you can proceed with your online rental. Instruments will be dropped off directly to ICS. The ICS instrument rental code is as follows - 10 months (recommended): **578682021** or 5 months: **5786820215**

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- **Attendance Policy:** Weekly band lessons and rehearsals are mandatory for all ICS band members. By signing your child up for band, you are agreeing to cooperate with this attendance policy throughout the school year and review the requirements with your child.

The electronic band sign-up form as well as the \$100 fee must be submitted to Ms. Canavan no later than Monday, September 20, 2021. I look forward to working with our ICS band members this year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Canavan *Instrumental Music*