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May 14, 2010

Dear JRMS Sixth Grader and Parent:

Attached to this letter is an enrollment form that you must fill out and return to your homeroom teacher **no later than Friday, May 21, 2010**. This form is used at JRMS to enroll students in our performing music groups for their next academic year.

In case you are uncertain about how we schedule music groups at JRMS, let me share the following information with you:

Band, String (Orchestra), and Chorus are yearlong courses.

To take Band or Strings you must already play an instrument appropriate to the Band or String Program. If you do not play an instrument, you can NOT sign up for Band or Strings. However, if you are interested in starting an instrument you should take lessons in the private sector in order to be at the musical level of your class. Once you have become reasonably proficient, then Mr. Cruciani could schedule you into the Band or Orchestra as the seventh grade year progresses.

Students who play **piano** or **guitar** will have the appropriate experience in the general music class. They should **not** sign up for Band or Orchestra. Students, who decide to leave the performing music programs with parental permission, need to understand the impact their decision has on scheduling. There are no guarantees that their alternate choices will be possible. In the event this occurs, parents need to discuss the change with the music teacher and their guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Diane Martin  
Principal

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## PERFORMING MUSIC GROUP APPLICATION FORM

Every 6th grader is to complete this application and return it to his/her homeroom teacher by Friday, May 21, 2010.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

You may sign up for Chorus or Band or Strings.

\_\_\_ I do NOT want to be scheduled for any performing music group.

\_\_\_ I want to be scheduled for the Chorus program.

\_\_\_ I want to be scheduled for the Band program.

Flute Obo Clarinet Saxophon Trumpe Trombon Bariton French Tub Percussio  
e e e t e e Horn a n  
Please circle your instrument.

\_\_\_ I want to be scheduled for the yearlong String Orchestra program.

Violin Viola Cello String Bass  
Please circle your instrument.

I understand that concert performance is considered a privilege that is earned by consistent participation and appropriate, respectful behavior. There are two concerts scheduled during the school year.

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent Signature*

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*Date*