## The Choice is Yours!

Join the music program in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!

There's No Doubt -Music is Good For You!



Research affirms the benefits of music learning. Below are some highlights!

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**ENGAGEMENT** Music study helps many Harris Interactive, students stay engaged and interested, not only in music, but also in their other academic work.

**HIGHER GPA** High school music students National Educational have better grades than do Longitudinal Study, non-musicians in the same school.

**KNOWING** 

**MULTIPLE** Music study promotes WAYS OF fluency in knowledge systems beyond language and math, enabling deeper understanding of our world and the human experience.



## What does this mean for my child?

If your child is in 3rd grade and entering 4th grade in Fall 2017, he or she has some exciting opportunities ahead! With school reconfiguration taking place, Rush-Henrietta students now have more opportunities at the intermediate level (4-6) than ever before! Students at this level can choose to learn a band or orchestra instrument and/or to sing in the chorus - all beginning in fourth grade!

The Intermediate Ensembles meet one day per week before the regular school day. Students who choose to participate will take a morning early bus to school, riding with the primary (K-3) students. Band and orchestra lessons will begin the third week of school, and before-school ensembles will begin the first week of October. More information on how to register your child for the music program will be sent in April.

Students who participate in school music programs have higher attendance rates, increased motivation to learn in all subjects, and demonstrate a higher level of readiness to learn!

Students in school music programs also score higher on standardized tests, learn to be in touch with their emotions, and feel more connected to their school community!

## Do You Have a Question?

Please contact your child's music teacher, the instrumental teacher at your child's school, or the Director of Music, Donna Watts.

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