Wakefield Public Schools
Visual & Performing Arts Department

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Dear Music Parents & Students, 9-1-26

The after school lesson program is available to all string, instrumental and vocal students in the Wakefield School District. It is an opportunity for students to take private lessons with wonderful teachers and professional musicians to enhance their own musical growth and knowledge and make the Wakefield Music Department a stronger program in our school system.

The program will begin as soon as students are contacted by the teachers**.** All lessons will take place in one of the Wakefield Public Schools. The cost of the program is $35 per half-hour lesson paid directly to the private teacher. Students and parents are expected to make payments to the private teacher in a timely manner as set by the teacher, and keep accurate records of these payments (cash receipts or check receipts). ***Students are required to give twenty-four hour notice to the teacher for any lessons that will be missed***. ***If the student is absent from school on the day of the lesson the parent must contact the lesson teacher as the lesson teacher will not know if the child is absent. If appropriate notice is not given, students will be required to pay for the missed lesson.***

As Director of Visual & Performing Arts for the district, I recommend private lessons for students that want to take their individual music making to another level. Private lessons are a great place to work on district audition solo pieces, jazz improvisation and other instrument specific techniques that are not possible in a full school ensemble. It is also the best way for students to develop their interest in a different instrument than what they are playing now.

Please return the attached form to your school music teacher if you are interested in taking lessons. Students can begin taking lessons at any point during the school year. We are still filling our roster of private teachers based on the student signups this fall and winter. If a private teacher is currently available they will be contacting you directly to set up lesson times.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email at thomas.bankert@wpsk12.org or call the high school at 781-246-6400 X6974.

Sincerely,

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Wakefield Music Lesson Program 2026-2027

STUDENT NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

TEACHERS WILL BE CONTACTING YOU DIRECTLY TO SET UP LESSON DAYS AND TIMES

I AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE WAKEFIELD LESSONS PROGRAM AS STATED IN THE ABOVE LETTER. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF PAYMENT FOR LESSONS AND NOTIFY THE PRIVATE TEACHER 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE IF I WILL MISS A LESSON OR PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.

STUDENT SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE/DATE: _____