



# Smithtown Central School District

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# DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

January 12, 2026

Dear Fifth Grade Parent:

We hope your child is enjoying his/her fifth grade musical experience. At the Middle School level, children must choose band, orchestra or chorus as part of the Middle School program. In order to properly schedule each student, it will be necessary to know your child's choice of performing group and to commit to that choice for the entire school year. Band and orchestra include one instrument specific "pull out" rotational lesson every seven days. Chorus includes one "pull out" rotational sectional period two to three times per quarter.

Your child will automatically be enrolled in the instrumental performing group (band or orchestra) that he/she has participated in during the 2025-2026 school year, unless another option has been selected on the placement slip below. **It is in your child's best interest to continue on the instrument they have played this year.** Because there is no beginner program at the middle school, any consideration of change of instrument can only be done with the knowledge and approval of their current instrumental music teacher. *As a reminder, tenor saxophone may only be loaned from the District at the elementary school level.*

**Please complete the form below and have your child return it to their classroom teacher by Friday, January 23, 2026.** If your child receives any type of additional support services, participation in middle school performing groups may require special consideration during the scheduling process. Please contact me at 631-382-3028 to review your child's options prior to returning the selection form. We request that you select only one performing group to participate in. Feel free to contact your child's music teacher or me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Hartman*  
Director of Fine Arts K-12

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## BAND/CHORUS/ORCHESTRA PLACEMENT 2026-2027

Name of student: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I approve placement of my child in: Band \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus \_\_\_\_\_ String Orchestra \_\_\_\_\_  
**(check one)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_