THE UNIVERSITY of TULSA
University School

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Dear Parents,

Your student will be participating in University School's band program for the first time in the Fall 2014 semester. It is my hope that we can make some great music by winter break.

Each student is responsible for choosing an instrument to play. Possibilities for beginning band include **flute**, **clarinet**, **saxophone**, **trumpet** or **trombone**. The chosen instrument must be obtained and be in working condition by the beginning of school. You may choose to purchase, rent, borrow, or recycle a family heirloom. Several local music stores sell and/or offer rental contracts, and most stores have similar prices for purchasing or renting. Additionally, each student is required to purchase the beginning ***Best in Class*** method book for his or her particular instrument. These books are usually in stock at Saied Music Company. Please have your student bring the book on the first day of school.

Regular practice is an essential part of the band program. Each student will be required to spend 200 minutes per week playing his or her instrument. In-class play will account for approximately 125 minutes of this requirement, leaving about 75 minutes each week for students to practice at home. Monthly time cards are used to keep track of playing time. I will initial the students' cards each time class meets at school, and parents must sign the time cards to verify home practice.

Playing an instrument in a group is a very rewarding experience. Students will not only develop musicianship, but also learn teamwork and responsibility. If you have questions, please feel free to email me, and I will be happy to discuss the musical future of your student.

Thank you,

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