

POMS PRIVATE LESSONS **INFORMATION & REGISTRATION 2011-2012**

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In Bedford, group music lessons are offered during school to string instrument students starting in 4th grade and band instrument students starting in 5th grade. This notice is just about private lessons through POMS (Patrons of Music Students), which are only offered after school at an additional cost.

- **POMS** is a non-profit organization and is run by volunteers. The Bedford Public School's Music Department, in conjunction with POMS, offers an **after school** program of **private, one-on-one** music lessons to supplement the schools' group lesson programs.
- Private lessons give your child a chance to improve technical ability at an accelerated rate through focus on his/her individual needs, thus enhancing his/ her enjoyment of the instrument and the class.
- Lessons are offered from approximately 3:00 to 8:00 PM weekdays for 30, 45, or 60 minutes each week at the Job Lane School (piano and voice), John Glenn Middle School (guitar) and Bedford High School (all other), depending upon the instrument.
- POMS provides your child with the opportunity to study one-on-one with a professional musician at a reasonable rate as well as saves on transportation to and from lessons outside of Bedford (note: it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to get the student to the lesson itself).
- Any child in Bedford can take advantage of these private lessons, although students typically begin sometime after the 2nd grade which is why the program is announced to 3rd graders and up.
- Your child will have the opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with a professional musician and explore solo playing.

Cost

Tuition is \$25.00 for each half-hour lesson and is payable in advance for ten (10) lessons on a trimester basis. There are three (3) semesters of ten (10) lessons each with one or two make-up weeks in each semester. There is also an **annual** registration fee of \$9.00 per student or \$16.00 per family. You may also prepay for more than one term at a time by the due date of any particular term.

Term Dates & Payment Due Dates: Late registrations will not be accepted.

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| • Trimester 1: September 19, 2011 – December 9, 2011 | Tuition due by September 14, 2011 |
| • Trimester 2: December 12, 2011 – March 16, 2011 | Tuition due by December 6, 2011 |
| • Trimester 3: March 19, 2012 – June 15, 2012 | Tuition due by March 15, 2012 |

Payment/Cancellation Policy

- A full policy statement is attached and will be sent to each family upon paid registration.
- Missing a lesson is highly discouraged. If a lesson must be missed due to illness or family emergency, the student must contact the teacher to arrange to switch times with another student or arrange a make-up lesson during one of the make-up weeks.
- If a lesson is missed for reasons other than illness or family emergency, it will be considered "unexcused"; the teacher will not be able to make up that lesson and no refund will be offered for it.
- ***Refunds will not be given for unused lessons.***

Instrument Rental or Purchase

If your child does not have an instrument, a list of suppliers is available to download on the BPS website and is attached here. POMS also maintains a list of used instruments for sale. For information, please contact Bernie Vatcher at 781-275-2030 or berni_v@verizon.net.

Private lessons are available for the following instruments

Cello	Flute	Guitar – acoustic & electric	Saxophone	Violin
Clarinet	French Horn	Percussion/Drums	Trumpet	Voice
Fiddle	Double Bass Guitar	Piano	Viola	Clawhammer Banjo

To Register

Please send the attached "POMS Private Lesson Contract" to: **Co Jim O'Malley, POMS Private Lesson Coordinator, 5 Sheridan Road, Bedford, MA 01730**. Once received, your confirmed registration will be sent either to an assigned POMS teacher if you are a new student or to your previous teacher. S/he will contact you directly to schedule lessons. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND VIA KIDMAIL OR TO THE SCHOOL**. For more information or payment questions, please email Jim at JMO991@verizon (preferred) or call at 508-284-9262.

Patrons of Music Students (POMS)
List of Suggested Suppliers of Musical Instruments
2011-2012 Academic Year

• **Coffey Music & Arts Centers** (all instruments)

273 Lenox Street
Norwood, MA 02062
781-769-7543
www.MusicArts.com

• **Johnson Strings**

11 John Street
Newton Center, MA 02159
617-964 0954
www.johnsonstring.com

• **Leonards Music** (band instruments; will deliver to Bedford schools)

128 Great Road
Bedford, MA 01730
781-271-1189
www.leonardsmusic.com
e-mail: info@leonardsmusic.com

• **The Minor Chord** (cellos, guitars, keyboards, violas violins)

222 Great Road (Route 119/2A)
Littleton, MA 01460
978-486-0112
www.theminorchord.com/about.html

• **Rayburn Music** (all instruments)

238 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115
617-266-4727
www.rayburnmusic.com

• **Spencer Brook Strings**

9 Linden Street
Maynard, MA 01754
978-897-6382
www.spencerbrookstrings.com

The music teachers request that parents be wary of purchasing instruments from department store (non music store) suppliers. These instruments are often of poor quality and difficult to repair. They do not withstand the rigors of being used by beginner musicians.

Please complete the following contract and **RETURN it by September 14 (Term 1), December 6 (Term 2) or March 12 (Term 3)** along with your check made payable to **POMS Private Lessons**. **YOU MUST PRINT THE FULL NAME OF THE STUDENT ON THE CHECK IN THE MEMO AREA. IF THE CHECK IS FOR MORE THAN ONE STUDENT PLEASE WRITE BOTH NAMES. Late registrations will not be accepted** unless there are unusual extenuating circumstances. An additional fee will apply in these cases.

POMS is a non-profit organization and is run by volunteers. We are always looking for more! If you are willing to help at an event (ex. football games) or be on the POMS Board, please check below. Thank you!

- Yes, I would like to volunteer at an event _____ and/or on the POMS Board _____

POMS PRIVATE LESSON CONTRACT

2011-2012 School Year

Term(s) 1 2 3 (circle all that apply)

Teachers from the last academic year will be returning. If you would like to continue with the same teacher, please indicate the instructor's name below.

Parent _____
 Address _____
 Telephone # _____ Cell # _____
 Email(s) _____

1. Student (Full Name) _____ Age ____ & Grade _____
 Instrument _____
 New (N) or **Returning** (R) to POMS this year? ____ If returning, POMS teacher's name: _____
 # of years playing this instrument (if applicable): _____
2. Student(Full Name) _____ Age ____ & Grade _____
 Instrument _____
 New (N) or **Returning** (R) to POMS this year? ____ If returning, POMS teacher's name: _____
 # of years playing this instrument (if applicable): _____
3. Student (Full Name) _____ Age ____ & Grade _____
 Instrument _____
 New (N) or **Returning** (R) to POMS this year? ____ If returning, POMS teacher's name: _____
 # of years playing this instrument (if applicable): _____

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Annual Registration Fee/Single instrument	\$ 9.00	_____
Annual Registration Fee/Family or more than one instrument	\$ 16.00	_____
30-minute lesson	\$250.00	_____
45-minute lesson	\$375.00	_____
60-minute lesson	\$500.00	_____
TOTAL DUE		_____

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PLEASE DO NOT SEND VIA KIDMAIL OR TO THE SCHOOL

I endorse my child taking lessons through the POMS private lesson program and agree to immediate payment for subsequent lessons upon receipt of an invoice from POMS. I am aware that the cost of the lessons is as follows: \$25.00 for 30-minute lessons; \$37.50 for 45-minute lessons; \$50.00 for 60-minute lessons. I agree to comply with the make-up and cancellation policy as set forth by POMS.

Signed _____ Date _____