Dear Parents;

My name is Joseph Loposky, Music Director at Xaverian High School. This letter is to inform you of the opportunities in music available to your son or daughter for next September. There is a place for everyone, no matter what level of experience they have.

The Concert Band, the largest group, is open to any student with prior band instrumental training or experience. The Select Band and the Jazz Bands are by audition only. The Symphonic Band, a beginning ensemble, is open to any student who would like to learn a band instrument. There is no experience needed for this group. Pep Band is open to any student with two or more years of playing experience. The Select Orchestra is open to any student with prior string experience, by audition only. The Concert Orchestra is for intermediate level string students wishing to improve their musical skills. Beginning Orchestra is open to any student that would like to learn a string instrument. The Drum Line/Percussion Ensemble is open to students who show an interest. The Chorus is open to interested students based upon a vocal audition for placement. There will be an audition at the start of the school year for seating and placement in ALL of the above advanced groups.

There are two other additions to the Xaverian Music Program. The first is the Harp Ensemble. This group requires prior music experience. If interested in the harp class, please contact the Music Department as soon as possible, as seats are limited for this ensemble. The second is the guitar ensemble. Groups range from beginners to advance. This group is limited in numbers as well.

The school also has a Pipe and Drum group that is open to all interested students. There is no experience needed or an audition required to join.

Attached to this letter is a list of available instruments for Beginning Band/Orchestra (choose no more than two). I will try to accommodate the student’s first choice. In the section for Chorus, please give your voice classification, if you know it, and any other pertinent information. There is also a section for students who have performance experience on a given instrument, as well as Acting/Theater and Drama. Please complete the form as best as you can. This will insure proper placement of your son or daughter at the start of the school year.

The end of the school year is always busy. Please return this registration form to me before or by May 10, 2019, attention Music Department. Emailing the form to me is also acceptable at jloposky@xaverian.org. This will keep problems with scheduling and rehearsing down to a minimum in the fall.

Instrument rentals are available through the music department in September. I recommend that beginning students rent their instruments the first year. Rental fees must be paid in full and rental agreements must be completed before your son or daughter will be assigned an instrument. On June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm, there will be a music department meeting in the auditorium for all music student families and those interested in the music program. We will discuss and hand out information to insure your son or daughter’s success in the Xaverian music program.

For the parents, there is a M.A.X. Parents’ Association to help keep you informed of the goings on in the Music Department. We have meetings scheduled throughout the year.

The Xaverian experience is about the opportunities your child will have here. Take advantage now.

Please call if you have any questions, 718-836-7100, ext. 177, Email jloposky@xaverian.org

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Loposky
Director of Music
Student Name ______________________________

Parents’ Names_____________________________

Home Phone Number________________________

Parent Cell Number_________________________

Address___________________________________

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Parents’ E-mail Address______________________

We use your email address to contact you regarding events, news, and information; we find it easier and greener than sending letters home.

If you have experience playing an instrument, indicate which one and for how long?

1) 

2) 

Instruments available for Symphonic Band(Beginning Band) & Introductory Strings

Please circle two
Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
Clarinet
Bass Clarinet
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone
French Horn
Trumpet
Trombone
Baritone/Euphonium
Tuba
Bells
Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

Harp Ensemble
Interested students, check yes, and please contact the music office.

Yes □

Chorus
Do you have previous Vocal experience? If so, please describe. Do you know your voice classification; i.e. tenor, baritone, bass?

Acting/Theater/Drama
Do you have any Theater, Acting or stage experience? If so, please describe.

Pipe and Drum
Please let us know if you are interested in this group by checking yes.

Yes □

Music Theory/Composition
Do you have any prior experience or training? Please describe.

Guitar Ensemble
Do you have any experience? Explain.

Drum Line/Percussion Ensemble
If interested please check yes.

Yes □

Piano, Electric Guitar & Electric Bass
If you play any of these instruments, please contact the Music Office.