



December 12, 2017

RE: 2nd, 3rd, 4th Grade Music Class Ocarina Flute Purchase

Dear Franklin Academy Parents and Family:

Our return to school from winter break will mark the beginning of our ocarina curriculum in Music Class for second, third, and fourth grade. Thus far, our music curriculum has focused on introducing and familiarizing students with how to read music rhythm notation which means that we've played musical instruments such as drums, tambourines, rhythm sticks, and other assorted percussion instruments with the goal of reading music notes and becoming familiar with how many times or how long to play each note. After becoming more familiar with how to determine the duration of each note, the focus will soon shift to learning and practicing how to identify and locate notes on a type of flute that is typically referred to as the "ocarina". Our ocarina curriculum is designed to give students a foundation to reading notes that will prove equally useful with any other instruments they may choose to learn in the future. Since learning how to read and play music notes on the ocarina will be our instructional focus in second, third, and fourth grade Music Class until the end of the school year, **it is critical that every student come prepared with their own ocarina from the start of 2017 until the last music class of the school year.**

Students who already own an ocarina are asked to please bring their current ocarina to Music Class as soon as possible in order to confirm that it plays the same notes and is accurately pitched to match the **STL 12-Hole Soprano Plastic Ocarina** that will be used by all students who purchase an ocarina from Franklin Academy. If your child is told that their current ocarina will not be adequate to use in class or if they simply do not currently own an ocarina, **you may purchase an STL 12-Hole Soprano Ocarina directly from the school by filling out the form below and returning it to the school as soon as possible along with a \$10 check or money order made payable to: Franklin Academy (NO ONLINE PAYMENT and PAYMENT CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH LUNCH, FIELD TRIP, PTO, CLUBS, OR OTHER PAYMENTS).** This deadline is crucial to ensure that every student has an ocarina when we begin our ocarina curriculum upon our return from winter break. Please keep in mind that any upcoming grades in Music Class will be primarily based on each student's performance with their ocarina which is why it is imperative that every student have their own ocarina. Once the ocarina payment is submitted, students will receive their ocarinas when they return from winter break. In short, **students will not be able to earn an "A" in Music Class if they do not come prepared with their ocarina.** If you encounter any difficulty acquiring the ocarina before winter break, please contact me directly to ensure that your child is prepared with their own ocarina for the remainder of the school year.

Musically & Sincerely,

-Mr. Pablo Capote

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FRANKLIN ACADEMY 2nd, 3rd, 4th GRADE STL OCARINA PURCHASE FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

GRADE: _____ HOW MANY PURCHASED: _____ TYPE OF PAYMENT: _____ MONEY ORDER _____ CHECK

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

All ocarina sales from Franklin Academy are final. No refunds or returns. Replacements may be purchased at \$10 per ocarina.