

Lusher Drums

Audition Information Packet

Dear Lusher Parent,

Your student has expressed an interest in auditioning for Lusher Drums. Lusher Drums is a performance group emphasizing ensemble playing using a wide variety of percussion instruments. The group is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students

A successful audition is required for participation in Lusher Drums however, no previous experience is necessary.

When will the audition take place?

Auditions will be held in the Goldring Auditorium on Wednesday, August 28th from 3:30-4:45.

If your child is sick on the audition day, make ups for ***sick students only*** will be held the next day, Thursday, August 29th in room #502 at 3:30. ***In order to be eligible for a make up, the school needs to be notified about your child's illness by 3:30 on Wednesday, August 28th.*** Indicate that your child was planning on participating in the audition process for Lusher Drums but will not be able to attend.

What does my child need to prepare?

Your child needs to:

Arrive on time **with a signed permission slip.**

Be ready to play.

Be ready to learn short rhythm patterns.

Be ready to respectfully listen to and work with the other musicians.

Play short rhythm patterns.

Play short rhythm patterns repeatedly. Example: "Play this pattern 4 times and stop".

How are musicians selected? What are we looking for?

The auditions will be scored by a panel of judges looking for drummers with a serious interest in learning to play. Drummers will be auditioning one at a time to test their natural rhythmic vocabulary and skills. Each potential ensemble member will listen to and be asked to repeat five or six different rhythmic phrases.

Waiting is a natural part of ensemble work. Drummers are expected to not only be able to follow rhythmic patterns, but also be patient with the process, which may include some time listening and waiting as other ensemble members are learning.

Are there any fees?

\$125 for Lagniappe participants

\$175 for non-Lagniappe participants

All fees are to be paid to the Business office by Friday, September 27th.

When will we know the results?

Parents of students in grades 3-5 will be sent an email with the acceptance rosters of all performance troupes on Wednesday, August 28th, 2019.

What if my child gets in?

Lusher Drums will rehearse on most Wednesdays from **3:40 to 4:45**.

Due to Willow's early release schedule, rehearsals will begin at 2:10 and end at 3:15 on the following days: **September 4th, December 4th, January 8th, and April 1st**.

Saturday rehearsals may be called as needed (Block Party, for example). Drummers are expected to commit to all rehearsals, including any additional ones.

Each drummer and guardian will sign and return a contract to Mr. Collins. This contract will outline expectations and responsibilities of each drummer and their family.

What does my child need to bring to the audition?

A signed permission slip is a child's ticket to their audition.

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Audition Permission

Students must return this permission slip in order to be admitted to the audition.

Audition Date: Wednesday, August 28th, 2019

Audition Time: 3:30-4:45

Audition Location: Goldring Auditorium

I, _____
(Guardian's name)

have read and understand the **Audition Packet for Lusher Drums**, understand that participation in **Lusher Drums** is dependent upon a full tuition payment on **September 27th**, and hereby give my student,

(Student's name)

permission to audition for Lusher Drums.

I or _____ will pick my student up from the Goldring Center at 4:45 or before

My student should go to Lagniappe once audition is complete.

My student attends Lagniappe every day.

My student does not attend Lagniappe.

(Guardian's signature)

Date

Email address (please print legibly!)

I understand that there is a fee of \$125 for Lagniappe students and \$175 for non-Lagniappe students associated with participation in Lusher Drums. This fee is due on Friday, September 27th. All payments should be made in the Business Office at Willow Street. Checks should be payable to Lusher Charter School.

(Guardian's signature)

Date