

Missing Names

If your name is missing from the list of bands, you were not accepted into the program for this coming year. This could be because there were too many students auditioning on your instrument (especially if you play alto sax or flute!) Since many students take private lessons on those instruments, competition is stiff.

Please consider one of the following options:

1) Take private lessons this year instead. Send me an email (swagner@pgcps.org) and I will send you some names of private teachers. Include where you live (Bowie, Laurel, etc.) and I'll try to find one near your home. [A student who was not selected last year took this option and just placed extraordinarily high in band for next year!]

2) Switch to a different instrument! There are rarely enough French horns, oboes, bassoons, tenor and bari saxes, baritone horns, trombones or tubas! IF you are interested in one of these instruments, please send me an email (swagner@pgcps.org) and I'll let you know if I have one you can sign out for the summer. I will also give you some names of private teachers who can get you switched over.

3) Consider taking choir (we have 2 that require no audition – Concert Choir and Gospel Choir, though you may audition for Men's Choir or Women's Choir if you are an experienced vocalist. email me and I'll put you in touch with Mr. Coleman, the Choir Director.) You will meet many music students and will be able to audition again next year!

4) Consider taking Piano/Guitar (you choose which instrument you want to play). Along with learning the instrument, you will receive theory instruction that will ultimately help you become a better musician. Again, you'll make friends in the music wing and will be able to audition for band next spring.

If you have further questions, please send me an email and I'll do my best to answer. Remember – the Wind Ensemble and I will be in China for pre-Olympic festivities from June 21 until July 3 so I will not be available then. If you'd like, please come to our *Bon Voyage* Concert on Thursday, June 19, at 7:30 pm. It's free!

Thank you.

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