

# **Burnt Hills – Ballston Lake Central Schools**

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to our 2012 Instrumental Music Information Meeting.

Music is part of the human spirit. It is one of the ways we make sense of our lives, one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words, a way for us to understand things with our hearts when we can't with our minds. That being said, learning a musical instrument can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for your child. In addition, numerous studies have shown that instruction on an instrument develops intellectual and social skills that will help your child in all areas of their academic career and beyond.

It is important to understand that, like most rewarding things in life, learning a musical instrument requires effort. Consistent practice at home is essential for success, and it should be considered a part of the daily routine.

Please have a conversation with your child about the benefits of becoming a part of our very successful Instrumental Music Program, and emphasize the effort and commitment that is required for this to be a successful and rewarding experience. During this evening's presentation we hope we will provide all the information you should need to make an informed choice about our program. If you have any questions that are not addressed this evening, please speak to one of the teachers following tonight's presentation or call us at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Danis  
District Director of Fine Arts

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