



# L.A. AINGER COUGAR

## **Parent Pizza Social and Volunteer Sign-Up** **Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm in the school cafeteria**

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This is not mandatory- but is VERY MUCH appreciated. At this meeting, we will have FREE pizza and drinks for the family. Information about the different band events throughout the year will be shared. Parents will be able to sign up to help the band boosters and Mr. Ostrow.

## **Beginning Band Instrument Test Drive** **Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm in the school cafeteria**

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At this event, we will decide what instrument you will play and whether or not you will use a school instrument or rent/purchase from a vendor.

### **The following three steps will take place:**

**Step 1:** You will select your top 3 choices (occurs in class)

**Step 2:** With a professional's help, you will "try out" your top 3 choices (and more *if necessary*).

**Step 3:** Together, we decide which instrument will work best for you and then work to acquire an instrument with your parents. See Mr. Ostrow or Mr. Eyrich in the Teachers' Lounge when done test driving.



Parents- If your son/daughter already has an instrument; please bring it to the test drive so we can make sure that your son/daughter has all the accessories/music. Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin playing the instruments. **Please DO NOT miss this!** If you can't make this event, please e-mail or call Mr. Ostrow at [tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net) or 941-697-5800 Ext. 255 to schedule a private consultation.

## **Beginning Band Basic Training** **Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7pm in the band room**

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This is a fun event for all new music students to learn about their selected instrument. We will have a brief welcome assembly in the band room and then students will go as a group to their specific instrument clinic. There, students will meet with a professional clinician and learn about caring, maintaining, and playing their new instrument through exercises and activities.

This clinic gives each student an opportunity for personal instruction with their own instrument and offers a sound foundation from which to successfully leap forward in his/her musical journey through our band program. Students that do not attend this event will not be able to take instruments home until Mr. Ostrow goes over the basics with him/her.