

# Saddlebrook Elementary Instrumental Music Program

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Hello Saddlebrook Band Parents/Guardians,

My name is Tom Cosby and I am the band teacher at Saddlebrook Elementary. I am thrilled to be working with your students this year in band! Whether they are learning to play the flute, the tuba or anything in between, I am hopeful they will enjoy the experience and make playing an instrument a part of their daily lives for years to come...

One of the challenges for beginning band students is remembering when to bring the instrument to school on band lesson days. Complicating this issue is that band lessons are not always on the same day of the week. We follow a ten day cycle schedule which changes depending on what days your student has off of school. For example, the teacher curriculum day coming up on September 20<sup>th</sup> is a day off for your student and will result in the Saddlebrook band lesson moving to a different day.

To help everyone – students and parents – remember when to bring band instruments to school I would like to use the Remind app. **Details are located on the reverse side of this letter.** Basically, you will receive your choice of a text or email the night before your student has to bring their instrument to school for band. It will be a simple message... something like this: "REMINDER- your student has band tomorrow at Saddlebrook Elementary."

Please know that entering your email or mobile phone number in the Remind app is completely voluntary. Your phone number or email will not be available to anyone else at any time either. I will still send home paper calendars with band students regardless of whether you receive message from me through the Remind app or not. But if you would like to be reminded about band lesson days via text or email please follow the instructions on the reverse side of this letter.

Below is more information about band that you may find helpful:

- **Please purchase the band book, called *Sound Innovations, Book 1*.** It is a white book with a blue wave across the front. It should cost around \$9.00. Make sure it has your child's instrument name on the top right hand corner!
- Please purchase a folding wire music stand. However, know that you will NOT need the music stand until about November- if finances are tight just wait until November to purchase this item. Music stands cost about \$15.00.
- Know that there will be NO CHARGE to you for the instrument if your child has been selected to borrow a school-owned instrument for the school year. However, you WILL be charged if there is damage to the instrument that is beyond normal use; or if the instrument is lost or stolen. Please see the musical instrumental parental acknowledgement form for more information on this subject.

If you have any questions about the Remind app or anything else we are doing in band lessons feel free to contact me at any time. Best wishes,

*Mr. Cosby*



# Sign up for important updates from Mr. Cosby.

Get information for **Saddlebrook Elementary School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

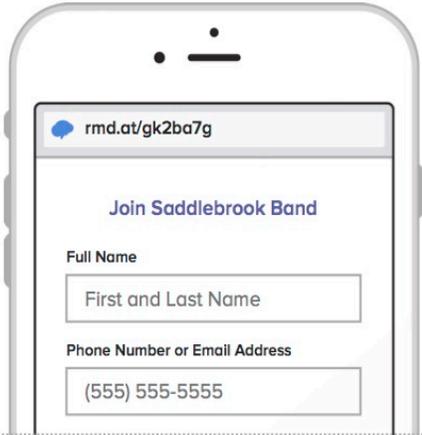
Pick a way to receive messages for **Saddlebrook Band**:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@gk2ba7g](https://t.me/gk2ba7g) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@gk2ba7g](https://t.me/gk2ba7g) to **(941) 900-3780**.

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