

# Watkins Middle School

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

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**Date:** Friday, August 18, 2006

**To:** All Watkins Band students

**Re:** Private Lessons

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We encourage all of our students to consider taking private lessons. The one on one time spent with an instrument specialist is a valuable way to improve as a player and to progress throughout the year. Private lessons are good for individual students and also improve the quality of the entire band program as well, which also benefits every student. We especially encourage members of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble to take lessons, as those students have proven to be committed to their instrument, and the expectations for playing abilities are higher.

The lessons will be once a week for thirty minutes, and the cost is \$13.50 or \$15.00 per lesson depending on the experience level of the teacher. The billing is run through the district, so you will receive a bill once a month for the lessons you take during the previous month. There is a \$60.00 deposit required to enter the private lesson program, to be turned in with the registration form (available from the band directors or to download from the band website under pdf. downloads)

If you have never taken private lessons and you would like to start, please return this letter and we will send home a new student registration packet.

If you have taken lessons before, please return this letter to let us know you will be taking lessons again this year.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have priority if our teachers fill up their schedules. Remember that all Oboe, Bassoon, French horn and Percussion students have agreed to take lessons *for the entire year* as a requirement for that instrument.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail.

Steve Silva

Ruben Escobar

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not taken private lessons before, so I will need to fill out the registration form and pay the \$60.00 deposit.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have taken private lessons before and plan to take again this year