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Dear parents, guardians, and caregivers;

I hope this email finds you well, and like all of us, looking forward to the new school year!

As you know, we are starting the fifth grade school year virtually. We have prepared a robust and exciting virtual musical education experience for our TCS students.

Every year we welcome beginning fifth grade students to our music program and this year is no exception. We will have a beginning fifth grade music class in which students will learn all the basic fundamental knowledge needed to play any musical instrument. At this time, we will not be issuing instruments for this group of students. When we return to the TCS campus, the process of instrument selection, learning how to properly hold instruments, forming the correct bow hold or wind instrument embouchure, and proper instrument care will start immediately.

Since the onset of Covid19, all four of our TCS music teachers have virtually attended summer workshops and collaboration groups with colleagues across the nation. We have determined that starting with fundamental knowledge would be the educationally rational approach to start our 5th grade beginners. Your child will come back to campus with a firm understanding of many of the musical concepts necessary to play an instrument. We look forward to safely meeting with your child face to face to continue to facilitate their musical journey.

Kind regards,

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**“We need people who think with the creative side of their brains—people who have played in a band, who have painted...it enhances symbiotic thinking capabilities, not always thinking in the same paradigm, learning how to kick-start a new idea, or how to get a job done better, less expensively.”**