



**IT'S RECORDER TIME!**

Dear SJCS Fourth Grade Parents,

August 24, 2011

**Part of the Grade 4 Music curriculum is the study of recorders.**

- ✘ Recorders teach fine motor skills.
- ✘ Recorders develop hand-eye coordination.
- ✘ Recorders are inexpensive.
- ✘ Recorder study prepares Grade 4 students for Grade 5 Band.
- ✘ Recorder study brings together many music concepts including music reading, ensemble playing, and skillful performing.

**Your child will need a recorder at for the entire school year.**

- ✘ We will learn recorder throughout the year in conjunction with our other music units. We will end the year with a concert as part of the May 18 "Concert on the Green" SJCS music department concert here on campus.
- ✘ Having the recorder at every music class is part of the recorder grade. I would encourage students to leave the recorders at school in their desk, cubby, or the music room.
- ✘ All students will be using a Peripole-Bergerault recorder this year.
- ✘ Outside practice is not required for this course.

Thank you for your support of the SJCS Music Program!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Baham, SJCS Music Director

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**Recorder Order 2011: Return this form and your payment to Mrs. Baham or Miss Kass by Friday, August 26. Payment turned in with the first day packet should have a SEPARATE PAYMENT for recorders with "recorder" in the memo.**

**Print Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

- ✘ All students will be using the same recorders. Each recorder will have a neck strap and durable, closeable zipper case. Please check one reply below.
- ✘ We will:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase a recorder for \$5. (Checks can be made payable to SJCS with "recorder" in the memo.)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bring a Peripole-Bergerault recorder from home. (Be sure the case and strap are still usable.)