

**Glenn C. Jones Middle School**  
**Guitar Club**  
**2008-09**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>    | <b><u>Agenda/Topic/Guest Artist</u></b>  |
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| Friday, August 29     | Welcome/Purpose/Paperwork/Introductions – Dr. Holland, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Priest, Ms. Foy. |
| Friday, September 12  | Identifying music to work on for “Quittin’ Time Concert performance/Practice             |
| Friday, September 26  | Practice/Performances  |
| Friday, October 10    | Practice/Performances  |
| Friday, October 24    | Guest Musician/Practice  |
| Friday, November 14   | Practice   |
| Friday, November 28   | No school!   |
| Friday, December 12   | Guest Musician/Practice  |
| Friday, December 26   | No school!   |
| Friday, January 9     | Practice/Performances  |
| Friday, January 23    | Dress Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, January 28 | “Quittin’ Time Concert”  |
| Friday, February 13   | Guest Musician/Practice  |
| Friday, February 27   | Identify new music for “Quittin’ Time Concert performance/ Practice                      |
| Friday, March 13      | Practice/Performances  |
| Friday, March 27      | Guest Musician/Practice/Performances   |
| Friday, April 10      | No school!   |
| Friday, April 24      | Dress Rehearsal  |
| Friday, May 8         | Guest Musician/Conclusion  |
| Wednesday, May 13     | “Quittin’ Time Concert”  |

August 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

I am excited to announce to you that Jones Middle School has begun a Guitar Club and your child has expressed interest in being a member. The Guitar Club is our newest opportunity for students to be involved in an after school activity, develop their musical skills, and work with other students who have similar interests.

We are fortunate to have the support of several talented faculty members who have committed to investing their time and expertise in our students. They include, Mr. Bill Parsons, Mr. Paul Priest, and Ms. Foy. Additionally, we plan to invite several guest guitarists to perform and provide demonstrations for our students.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to support your child in this endeavor. There are many ways you can do that, including:

1. Transporting your child's equipment to school on Club meeting days (meeting schedule is attached.) If your child does not have a guitar, the school owns a few beginner acoustic guitars that can be used, but they may have to be shared between students.
2. Picking up your child at 5:30 p.m. after Club meetings. This will allow our faculty members to go home at a reasonable time after our meeting is over.
3. Encouraging your child's musicianship. Ask them what they worked on during our Club meetings. Ask them what they learned. When their progress seems to "plateau," an encouraging word from you may give them the inspiration they need to persevere. Ask them to play for you! Attend their "Quittin' Time Concert" performances (see schedule.)
4. Be understanding of the loud sound coming from their room when they are practicing at home.
5. Consider donating any musical equipment that is collecting dust in your basement. We would welcome donations of any guitars, basses, amplifiers, cables, microphones, drum kits, or keyboards.
6. Consider making a monetary donation to fund future purchases of sound equipment, instruments, and guest presenters. (Our membership dues are \$20/year, but all students are welcome regardless of their ability to pay.)

Your support is fundamental to the development of your child and supporting his/her involvement in the "Guitar Club" is vital in making this a meaningful experience for him/her. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached by phone @ 770-904-5450 or by email, [Richard\\_holland@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Richard_holland@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).

Sincerely,

Richard P. Holland

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**Student Information/Permission Form**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What instrument do you play/want to play?

\_\_\_\_ Acoustic

\_\_\_\_ Electric

\_\_\_\_ Bass

2. What is your experience level?

\_\_\_\_ None

\_\_\_\_ I can play "Mary had a little lamb."

\_\_\_\_ I can play some chords and scales.

\_\_\_\_ I can "jam" with other players.

\_\_\_\_ I am so good; roadies carry my gear.

3. What is your goal for joining the Guitar Club?

\_\_\_\_ Learn to play some simple songs just for fun.

\_\_\_\_ Learn to be a social player/be able to "jam" with other players.

\_\_\_\_ Learn to be an accomplished soloist.

\_\_\_\_ Find players who want to begin a band.

\_\_\_\_ Other reason: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I would also be interested in...

\_\_\_\_ Keyboards

\_\_\_\_ Vocals

\_\_\_\_ Percussion