



Dear Intermediate Families,

We are excited to announce that Marimba is back for the 2025-2026 school year!! The Sojourner Marimba Program, which is managed by the Sojourner Education Foundation, is a voluntary, after-school activity for Sojourner students in 4th and 5th grade. Practice is directly after school, from 2:15 – 3:30 pm, one day a week (M, W, or Th), as well as one recess practice each week. You can also expect your child to participate in several performances (location varies). Parents are responsible for picking up their children *promptly at 3:30 pm* after practice, providing transportation to and from performances, and assisting with transportation of instruments as needed. Each year, the Sojourner Education Foundation estimates the per-student cost for Marimba. This includes staffing/instruction, administrative costs (insurance, etc.), and a Marimba t-shirt. Marimba fees may vary from year to year. For the 2025-2026 school year, the per-student marimba fee will be \$150 per student. The fee for marimba is slightly higher this season to help support a modest pay increase for our beloved artist in residence, Shera Sinell, whose incredible talent and dedication deserve more than we've been able to offer.

Before your child can participate, we ask that you do the following:

- Review and sign the attached contract, which outlines participation expectations. *Signatures from both parents and students are required.*
- Fill in the Marimba Permission Form.
- Submit your payment for the school year.

Please return the contract, permission form, and payment by Monday, October 6th.

Marimba is scheduled to begin the week of October 13th. You will receive an email from Shera Sinell by Friday, October 10th, letting you know which days your student will be practicing (one after-school and one recess practice).

We hope for every student who wishes to play Marimba to be able to do so! If you need a partial or full scholarship for your child to participate, please indicate this on the attached Marimba Permission Form. You may also select a payment plan. If you choose a payment plan, please send us an email (sef@sojournerschoolcommunity.com) with your intended payment schedule.

To pay your Marimba fee:

- Visit & pay using a credit card online at sojournerschoolcommunity.com/marimba-payment/; or
- Submit cash or a check, payable to the Sojourner Education Foundation, to the school office. *Please put your payment in an envelope labeled Marimba.*

If you have any questions about the Marimba program, please contact Shera Sinell at sinells@nclack.k12.or.us. You can also reach out to the Sojourner Education Foundation by sending an email to sef@sojournerschoolcommunity.com.

MARIMBA 2025-2026 PERMISSION FORM

Please Write Clearly!

Child's Name:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Address:

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone:

E-mail Address:

Emergency Contact/Phone:

Person(s) Responsible for Picking Child Up from Practice (name/phone):

Day you would like your student would like to attend (please circle ALL days that will work):

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

T-Shirt Size (circle one):

Youth(S)

Youth(M)

Youth(L)

Adult(S)

Adult(M)

Adult(L)

I can help transport equipment for special events:

Yes

No

I will:

Pay in Full**

Pay Installments (circle one):

Two Payments of \$75

Five Payments of \$30

Access a Partial Scholarship – Please indicate how much you will pay \$_____

Access a Full Scholarship

** To make your payment, visit <https://sojournerschoolcommunity.com/marimba-payment/> and pay using a credit card or submit cash or a check, payable to the Sojourner Education Foundation, to the school office. Please put your payment in an envelope labeled Marimba.

MARIMBA 2025-2026 PARENT/CHILD CONTRACT

I _____ (parent/guardian) and _____ (student) understand that by participating in Marimba, we agree to the following:

- Observing classroom and school expectations;
- Regularly showing up to scheduled practices (including one recess and one after-school practice per week, on M, W, or Th);
- Participating in performance events (These typically occur in the spring. If you are unable to make a certain event, it is important that you communicate this to Mrs. Sinell);
- Timely pick up of your child from practice (please include a phone number where we can reach you on the day of practice in the event of a last-minute cancellation due to illness/emergency).
- Make alternate pickup arrangements for any siblings; only students participating in Marimba are allowed at after school practices.

Liability Waiver: I understand that participation in the Sojourner Education Foundation Marimba program is voluntary and not part of the regular Sojourner school day. I/we understand the Sojourner Education Foundation, Marimba Program, and Sojourner School and staff, will not be liable for personal injuries and/or property damage as a result of my child's participation in this activity.

Parent Signature

Date

Child Signature

Date