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## BUILDING BONDS THROUGH MUSIC

As a student who's been involved in the Music Department in the Christina School District throughout my entire life, I've gotten to experience the many joys that can be found in our district's department. The start of any student's musical journey in the Christina School District is with those basic music classes in elementary school you take during Special that inspire us to get involved in music. When I was younger at Jones, those classes sparked my interest in music classes which made me participate in Hand Bells and Guitar when I was in the 4th grade which eventually led to my interest in the Flute when I was in 5th grade. Then I progressed into Middle School, where I continued with Band and was able to make a lot of friends since it wasn't like the singular pull out lessons I had in elementary. My concert performances I had during my time at Shue were the most fun I ever had during MIddle School and I'm still friends with some of the people I met during that time. As I progressed into HIgh School, I stayed involved in band. Although not many people from my middle school went to Christiana, I met a whole new group of people that I



considered to be like family. This then led to my involvement in other aspects of our Music department such as being involved in our Winter Musical. As I look back along my musical journey through the Christina School District, I note all the good the department has done for me when it comes to the lasting friendships I have made and how the teachers I met have helped me grow in ways I would not have thought possible otherwise. This is just my journey through the Christi-

na School District music department. I know some people who chose to just have fun and try something new branching from band to orchestra or even some people who have never done music before by just taking a Piano or Steel Drum class. That's the beauty of our district because no matter what age or what school, you can always get involved and create a home with music.