

6th Grade Band Parents,

Welcome to the Middle School Band! We are excited to make beautiful music with the sixth grade band students this year! As we get started we want to make sure to communicate with you and let you know how we will be sending home information and how to best communicate with us.

A good place to look for band information is on the 'Middle School Band' link found on the District website under 'Performing Arts' or your student's google classroom. There you will find links to band parent activities, the band handbook, calendar information, fundraiser forms, etc.

Please fill out the contact information google form assigned in your student's Google Classroom. They will bring it to you to complete :) The band parents will use that info to send out important reminders about upcoming band events and also opportunities for you to volunteer and get to know other band families. Please complete by this Thursday, September 2 so we can update our band parent database.

Also due this Thursday is the 'Health Form' & 'Code of Conduct' form which should be initialled and signed by the student and a parent after you have read through the band handbook and the Code of Conduct found on the middle school band link. All 6th-12th grade band students need to turn in a health form each year along with a copy of your insurance card. Our nurse keeps all of this information in a binder and does not share any health information other than what directors would need to know i.e. asthma, allergies.

Soon after school starts, we'll do our first fundraiser - please watch for more info on that. Participating in the fundraisers puts money in the general fund which will benefit all band students and students also earn student credit in a personal account which can be used for trips (the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band goes to Mackinac Island every other year, and the High School Band does a trip every other year as well as going to band camp every summer). Having money in a student account is a great way to pay for trips!

We will be using Google Classroom this year and we will be posting assignments, playing tests, and practice journals. You can use your child's lpslancer account to see what their band assignments are. If you do not have access to technology and your child will need hard copies of this information please let us know and we will make that available.

Your student will be fitted for their instrument in the first few weeks of school. We will be sending home information about what instrument they were selected for and when the instrument rental night will take place.

If you have any questions or concerns please send us an email or give us a call, we know that middle school is a lot different and you may have questions along the way. Thank you for sharing your children with us, we are really looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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