

Welcome New Band Parents

6th Grade Parent Meeting
September 19, 2019
7:00pm

Introductions

- Mrs. Molander
 - Band Director
 - Woodwind Specialist
- Mr. Gutierrez
 - Assistant Band Director
 - Brass Specialist

- Mrs. Juarez
 - Band Booster President
 - 7th Grade Parent

Let the journey begin...

- We are excited that you are here!
- Band is more than just learning to play an instrument!
 - Teaches skills you need in life
 - Teaches discipline
 - Teaches goal setting
 - Teaches teamwork
- We are sure you have MANY questions... so let's get started!

6th Grade Band

- All 6th graders are placed in Beginner Band.
- Means they are new to playing an instrument.
- They are separated into classes by instrument.
- In 7th grade, they will be enrolled in a band class, where all the instruments meet at once for rehearsal.

The Band Handbook and Calendar

- All students will receive a copy to take home and sign.
- Also will receive the Beginner Band calendar
 - Includes dates of all mandatory performances
 - Two concerts
 - A solo contest (perform alone)
 - A Beginner Band evaluation performance (perform for judges for ratings)
- We will ALWAYS send home paperwork about events. If paperwork doesn't come home, check our website or join our text message group! (more on this later)

Instrument Placement

- Instruments are selected with help from the band directors.
- Together, we choose an instrument that your child will most likely be successful on.
- Sometimes schedule conflicts interfere with placement in the correct class. This may result in a change of instrument placement.

Supplies

- Students need the following items for class every day:
 - A quality instrument in working condition (see supply list)
 - All cleaning and maintenance supplies related to their instrument (see supply list)
 - A pencil
 - Band Book (provided by the school)
 - Band Folder (provided by the school)

- We firmly believe that NO STUDENT should be left out of joining the band due to finances.
 - Band is an investment, however...
 - We offer fundraising options and payment plans for ALL financial obligations of being in band.

Financial Obligations

- Instrument and Supplies
 - School-Owned Instruments
 - Oboe, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
 - \$75 district rental fee + needed supplies
 - All other instruments are rented or purchased from music companies.
 - Instrument Drive
 - September 23th, from 5-7:00pm at WAMS MPR
 - The school has a limited supply of rental instruments for the “all other instruments” category.
 - We encourage you to attend the instrument drives first to discuss pricing options with the music stores.
 - **All instruments and supplies are needed by October 4th.**

Financial Obligations

- Band Fee
 - \$20
 - Covers the band t-shirt, band folder, band book, classroom supplies, catering/social expenses, and other items necessary for the functioning of the band program.
 - **Due September 20th**

- Uniform
 - This year: Jeans
 - For some performances we ask students to dress in professional attire (something you would wear to a job interview)
 - Next year: Formal---black dress pants, black dress shoes/socks

- Occasional Trip and Meal Costs

**YOU CAN ALWAYS
FUNDRAISE TO
HELP COVER THE
COST OF BAND!**

- Paperwork about fundraising for band supplies and fees is available upon request!

Homework

- Good musicians practice at least 10 minutes every day. Great musicians practice at least 30 minutes every day.
- We need your help encouraging students to practice.
- Weekly Practice Records **beginning in January**
 - Due every Wednesday
 - Turning in on time equals rewards parties each 9 weeks
 - Communication log between student, teacher, and parent
 - Requires an adult signature each week
- Band Hall is open every morning at 7:35 (as soon as the Front Gate opens) for practice

After School Obligations

- Very limited after school practices during 6th grade year (more in 7th and 8th grade)
- Scheduled or notified in advance for practices not included on the calendar

How to stay in touch!

- Find everything we send home on our website:
 - www.woodlandacresband.com
- Join our Remind101 Band Parent group!
 - Follow instructions on the Remind101 Handout
- A few words on parental involvement from Mrs. Juarez.

Parent Involvement

- We always need **volunteers!**
 - Fill out and leave the gold volunteer information sheet!
 - Complete district volunteer form
 - Low involvement
- We need at least one 6th grade parent to be a **Grade Level Coordinator** and help Mrs. Juarez with our Booster Program.
 - See Mrs. Juarez at the end of the meeting
 - High involvement
- High School Marching Festival Help (purple)
 - Your time working the concession stands raises money to help repair our instruments.
 - Last year we raised \$2,000!
 - October 5
 - October 19
 - October 26
 - Please check your time preference!

Thank you for
supporting the
WAMS Band
program!

- See you on December 3rd at the first concert in the WAMS Gym!