

# Welcome New Band Parents

6th Grade Parent Meeting  
August 30, 2018  
6:00pm

# Introductions

- Mrs. Molander
  - Band Director
  - Woodwind Specialist
- Mr. Gutierrez
  - Assistant Band Director
  - Brass Specialist
  
- Mrs. Juarez
  - Band Booster President
  - 6th/8th Grade Parent
- Mrs. Rodriguez
  - High School Band Booster President
  - 8th 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.
    - Approved Music Stores handout
    - Instrument Drive
      - September 6th, from 5-7:30pm at WAMS MPR
  - The school has a limited supply of rental instrument for “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 September 17th.**



# 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 7th**
  
- 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 will be sent home soon!

# 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](http://www.woodlandacresband.com)
- Join our Remind101 Band Parent group!
  - Follow instructions on the Remind101 Handout
- A few words on parental involvement from Mrs. Juarez and Mrs. Rodriguez.

# 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 6
  - October 20
  - October 27
  - Please check your time preference!

Thank you for  
supporting the  
WAMS Band  
program!

- See you on December 4th at the first concert!