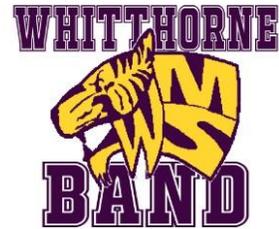


WHITTHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Dear 5th Grade Parents and Guardians,

The time has come for your child to have the opportunity to join the Whitthorne Middle School band! The advantages of being in band are numerous. Studies have shown that band helps build a student's self-confidence, develop responsibility, improve communication, strengthen social skills, and even contribute to better performance in math and other subject areas! **Most importantly, studying music is important because music is important. Music is part of being human and its role and presence in our lives is undeniable. The experiences, skills, and relationships your child will gain through band are priceless and will last a lifetime.**

Band is a class, so it meets daily and has standards like any other subject. We also have required materials, one of which is an instrument. Students/parents are responsible for getting their own instrument. This can be done through rental or purchase. Unlike other classes, band has additional requirements outside the school day. Performances, for example, often take place after school and are required. We understand that band's time commitment/obligations can conflict with student's other interests and hobbies. We strive to accommodate for students' busy schedules, however, **a performance is a grade for our class and something that cannot be duplicated in the classroom.** With *clear communication* and flexibility, being involved in sports or extracurricular groups is not a problem. *We have students in band that are a part of every sport and group WMS has to offer.*

Interested in joining band? Start by completing the steps below by **Thursday, May 20th**:

1. Complete the "Instrument Matching Tool" - <https://tinyurl.com/instrument-matching>



Explore the videos about each of the instrument options and then complete the "Instrument Matching Tool". Once completed, you will receive an email with your instrument selection results and information for the next steps.

2. Complete the 6th Grade Band Enrollment Form - <https://tinyurl.com/yh7keezb>



Once completing the Enrollment Form, you are officially in the WMS Band family! Please make sure to join the 6th Grade Band Remind Class. Text the class code *@wms6band21* to the phone number *81010*.

3. Have instrument and all materials ready by Monday, August 23rd

Attached to our email response (to Step 1), you will find information on how to rent an instrument and how to get all other books and materials. Once your instrument selection is complete, please make arrangements to have all materials ready on Monday, August 23rd, which will be our first day with instruments.

We would also like to Parents to our upcoming virtual meetings on Zoom. **Beginning Band Parent Meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6pm** & our **Virtual Instrument Rental Meeting on Monday, May 17 at 6pm** (QR codes & links to these Zoom meetings are below). Visit our website (whitthorneband.org) or contact us with any questions!

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