September 4, 2018

Dear 5th grade band parents,

Our band program is up and running and it looks like we’re going to have an outstanding year. I was pleasantly surprised to see that the majority of students already have their instruments and are ready to make some music. So that’s just what we’re going to do. Starting the week of September 4th, we will musically, be in full swing. Please make sure that your child is equipped with an instrument, Essential Elements for Band #1, a one inch, 3 ring binder and a pencil for each and every class.

Parents, please remind your children of the importance of practicing their instruments at home. Two hours of at home practice is the minimum recommendation for the successful young musician. It is the best way for each student to progress and improve on their individual instrument. If a student’s instrument is being repaired, please send in a note of explanation so that I know why a student is without an instrument.

We have two band concerts planned in which all students are required to attend. Our 5th and 6th grade winter concert is planned for Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the HKMS auditorium*. (January 16 2019 Snow Date)* The spring band concert is scheduled for Monday, May 13th, 2019 in the auditorium. Student musicians will dress appropriately with white on top and black on the bottom. Since we are a performance based ensemble, this concert will provide a significant portion of the overall trimester grade. Missed concerts require an absence note, prior to the event or as soon as possible if unexpected. Make up work will be assigned if for some reason a student cannot attend.

It is my pleasure to guide and teach your child a subject that is of great importance to me. Music has provided me with many of the tools needed for a successful life. It is my hope to share some of these ideas with your children. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joel Spineti Band Director, HKMS

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