

HMS 6th Grade Band

Our goal is to:

Develop a tradition of musical excellence in a positive, family-like atmosphere where students learn the value of hard work, perseverance and responsibility.

Classroom supplies needed:

- 1 " Binder
- Clear plastic sheets (5)
- Pencil
- Habits of a Successful....Book 1
- Instrument
- Care Kit



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REMIND APP:

THIS APP IS FREE AND ALLOWS ME TO SEND GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS TO YOU AND YOUR STUDENT. YOU CAN ALSO TEXT ME AS WELL. I WILL BE USING THIS APP FREQUENTLY TO COMMUNICATE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT WILL BE GOOD PRACTICE FOR STUDENTS TO BE ON THIS APP SO THEY ARE "IN THE KNOW" AND CAN BE RESPONSIBLE!

2023-2024 Performance Dates - Please Mark Your Calendars!

- ❖ **Tuesday, October 24th, 2023: Fall Band & Vocal Concert @ 7 pm, HMS Gymnasium**
6th & 7th grade band, 7th & 8th grade vocal
- ❖ **Monday, December 11th, 2023: Winter Concert @ 5:30 pm, HMS Gymnasium**
All 6th Grade General Music, Band, and Orchestra Students
- ❖ **Saturday, April 13th, 2024: music Contest, all day, Holgate Middle School**
All 6th, 7th & 8th grade band and orchestra students
- ❖ **Thursday, May 2nd, 2024: Spring Concert @ 5:30 pm, HMS Gymnasium**
All 6th Grade General Music, Band, and Orchestra Students

You are important to the band! There is no such thing as a benchwarmer and there is no substitute for you. There is only one YOU - be the best "You" can be!



Expectations:

- **Practice Self Control***
 - Our success is dependent on the quality of our rehearsals. Quiet, attentive students set us up for success so we can all have fun!
- **Come Prepared**
 - You need your book, instrument, a pencil, and any additional sheet music every day.
- **Complete Assignments on Time**
 - You are responsible for passing your playing assessments throughout the quarter. This is new for you! Plan ahead!
- **Practice Regularly**
 - The key to success is home practice. You are expected to practice an average of 15 minutes per day. While some days are busier than others, home practice is a must. If you miss a day, double up the next day. Time management is a life skill! **Parents - you will need to remind your student to do this.** This is a life skill that takes years to learn! Let's help ensure success!

*Students who fail to follow classroom rules and procedures will be removed from rehearsal.

Grading:

Band is a skills-based class. Students have to understand the material AND be able to physically perform it as well. Each concept builds upon the previous one, which is why individual practice is so important. We, as a class, collectively work to sound polished and performance ready. Students will be graded upon:

- ❑ Playing Assessments
(5 per quarter)
- ❑ Written Work
- ❑ Lessons (3 per quarter)
- ❑ Performance

Grades will be available in the **Infinite Campus ONLINE PORTAL**. Please check your child's progress!