

# HMS 8th 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 w/clear plastic sheets
- Pencil
- Measures of Success, Vol.2
- Instrument
- Care Kit



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### 2023-2024 Performance Dates - Please Mark Your Calendars!

- ❖ **Wednesday, September 27, 2023: Roncalli Marching Festival @ 9:30 am, 15th Ave. NE**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 7th, 2023: Gypsy Day Parade @ 9:00 am, Main Street**
- ❖ **\*\*Tuesday, October 10th, 2023: Northwestern Music Festival, all day, Mellette, SD**  
\*Selected band and choir students only
- ❖ **Friday, October 13th, 2023: Lake Region Marching Festival @ 10:00 am, Groton, SD**
- ❖ **Friday, October 20th, 2023: Indoor Marching Concert @ 7pm, Central HS TFK Theatre**
- ❖ **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Winter Concert @ 7pm, HMS Gym**  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal, band and orchestra students
- ❖ **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Pep Band @ 6 pm, CHS Gym**
- ❖ **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Pep Band @ 6 pm, CHS Gym**
- ❖ **\*\*Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd, 2024: Middle School All State Band, Mitchell, SD**  
\*Auditioned & selected Band students only
- ❖ **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Music Contest, all day, Holgate Middle School**  
All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students
- ❖ **Thursday, May 2nd, 2024: Spring Concert @ 7 pm, HMS Gym**  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band, Vocal and Orchestra Students

### 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 8TH GRADE STUDENTS TO BE ON THIS APP AS THEY WILL USE IT HEAVILY NEXT YEAR.

### 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 signing up for lessons and passing your playing assessments throughout the quarter. Plan ahead!
- **Practice Regularly**
  - By now, you know the key to success is home practice. You are still expected to practice an average of 15 minutes per day. Time management is a life skill!

\*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!