

King Middle School Band
April 28, 2020

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Students,

When coming to King Middle school, beginning band is offered to any 6th grade student who is interested. Registration for 6th grade band for the 2020-2021 school year will be until May 27th. Normally, we would have a night for students and parents to come to King Middle School to try out instruments with the music store, but with current situations, we are going to do the registration in a couple of parts. Attached to this email is a link to a registration form that parents will need to fill out in order to get the band class on their child's schedule for next year. On the registration form, it says to list the first choice of instrument and then second. Closer to the start of school, we will have a night with the music store company and myself where students can try out instruments to see which is the best fit. The choices on the registration form will not limit your child's choice; it is simply a survey to see how many of each instrument we may have. Please, do not go out and buy an instrument over the summer. With different dental, facial, and physical makeups of students, it is important that your child try out the instrument with myself and a representative from the music store to see which instrument will work best for them.

Below are some frequently asked questions that students and parents have about beginning band.

- **When does the 6th Grade Band rehearse?** The 6th grade band meets as a class during the day at KMS as one of their elective (specials) classes.
- **Are there any after school requirements?** As a 6th grader, band students will not have any after school practices. The only requirement outside of class is daily practice at home.
- **Can 6th grade band students be involved in sports?** Since 6th grade band has no after school requirements, any 6th grade band student can participate in a KMS sport.
- **Are there any costs associated with 6th Grade Band?** Students will be required to purchase a band book to use in class; rent or own their instrument they use for class; and buy a KMS Band Polo to wear at concerts.
- **How many 6th Grade concerts will there be?** There will be a Winter Concert in December and a Spring Concert at the end of April at our annual KMS Showcase. These performances are required grades for the class.

Also attached to the email and located on the KMS and MCIS website, is a recruitment video that will allow you and your child to view the possible instrument choices in 6th grade band and the benefits of being in band. A letter, email, and information closer to school will go out in the summer giving you the date of our instrument night that will take place in late July and early August. If you have any questions, you can email me at the address below.

I'm excited to have your student join our band next school year.

Thanks,

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