

King Middle School Band

May 19th, 2022

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Students,

As a 6th grade student next year at King Middle School, band is offered as an elective class to students who wish to participate and learn how to play an instrument. Learning how to play an instrument is a worthwhile experience that opens up the doors for lots of opportunities throughout middle school, high school, and as an adult.

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.
- **How long is the commitment?** The school and I ask for a year commitment to trying out band, since students learn at different rates and it is brand new to everyone. At the end of the year, students and parents can decide whether continuing is right for them.

The music company that King Middle School is Music & Arts, and a representative will be here on Monday, May 23rd to help students sign up for beginning band and rent an instrument. Sign-ups and trying out an instrument will be at the King Middle School band room from 4:00-6:00pm on the 23rd. There will be signs up and a white music store van parked outside the doors that you enter through. If you are unable to come during this time, you can contact me and we can work out a time when to meet. If you have any questions, you can email me at the address below.

Thanks,

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