

Date:8/29/18

To: All 5th Grade Parents

Subject: Welcome to 5th Grade Band

Dear 5th Grade Band Families,

Welcome to 5th Grade Band! My name is Ms. Nalven, and I am going to be your child's band teacher. Mr. Oldham, who many of you have met, will also be working with the 5th grade band students as their small group lesson teacher.

This email is lengthy, but will cover some very important announcements for band. Please read this email and respond to me at cnalven@hastings.k12.mn.us with any questions.

1. **OPEN HOUSE:** Please plan to come down to the band room (194) during the open house on September 6. We will have flyers for you with information about band covered in this email, and you can meet the band teachers!
2. **SUPPLIES FOR BAND:** All students need the following supplies for band. Please bring them to class on the first day.
 - a. A working Instrument (please get it checked at a store if it is used).
 - b. Accessories for your instrument (reeds, swabs, mouthpieces, oil, etc.)
 - c. Winds/Brass: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (specific for each instrument)
 - d. Percussion: Musical Magic (keyboard percussion- book 1) and Alfred's Drum Method-book 1
 - e. 1-inch binder
 - f. Plenty of pencils!

If you need to order anything music related (instrument, accessories or books), contact one of our partner music stores: Eckroth Music, Groth Music or Schmitt Music. They all have websites where you can order online. They will deliver it to the school!

3. **CONCERT DATES:** We have 3 concerts this school year for 5th grade band. Students are required to attend these concerts. If you see any dates where your child cannot attend the concert, please let me know ahead of time! Here are our concert dates:
 - a. **Fall Concert:** Thursday, December 16th at 6:30pm (students arrive at 6pm to HMS Auditorium).
 - b. **Winter All District Concert:** Monday, March 25 at 7:00pm (students arrive at 6:30pm to HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium).
 - c. **Spring Concert:** Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm (students arrive at 6pm to HMS

Auditorium)

*For ALL Concerts, the **dress code** is a white shirt, black pants/skirt and nice shoes. Students who need help acquiring these items should email the band director.*

4. **SCHOOLGY:** We will be using schoology Students will learn how to log into schoology during the first week of school, so you may not have access until then.

a. You can access schoology using this link:

<https://hastings.schoology.com/course/1741041804/materials>

That's all for now! I will be sending emails home periodically with information on how to help your child practice, important information, and more. Please email me with any questions, and I am really looking forward to a great year of band with these kids!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nalven