

August 22, 2018

Hello existing band families and potential band families,

The year is about to start, and it is time to make sure we know the who, what, where, and when of band. It is important to note that this year, beginning and second year band students will also attend their regular class specials. A new zero hour band time allows for band students to attend band without missing any other classes or sports that are offered.

If your student is enrolling in band for the first time, please come to our Hot Diggity Dog Night on the 28th to enroll them in band and obtain the correct materials for them. (Enroll them with me, I will provide that list to the office)

They need a working and approved band instrument, an “Essential Elements Book One” band method book, and basic instrument supplies specific to their chosen instrument. (ask me or a Herters representative for details on your instruments needs)

Please contact me via email or in person to make sure that I have their name on my list so I can prepare in advance. My email is jwiseman@renaissancepsa.com

If your student was a band member last year, please contact me via email or in person to make sure I know your intentions to return or not. If your student has switched instruments, please make sure I know before the start of the school year.

Instrument Rent-to-own or Purchase

Herter Music Center will be at Renaissance on Aug. 28th from 5 till 7pm during our hot dog night. For more information and pricing, please contact Herter at (989) 893-4545, or you can go to their store at 901 Washington Ave. Bay City, Mi. 48708

You are welcome to obtain an instrument from other dealers and in some cases online. I recommend Herter Music because they service and repair all of their instruments, and they only sell instruments that meet the quality standards required by middle school, high school and college music programs. They also send a service rep to our building once a week for any needs we might have. Marshal Music (in Lansing) and B's music are also great resources and can provide quality instruments and materials. Purchasing instruments online can be risky, you might get a good instrument for a low price that plays well, or you might get a good looking instrument for a low price that doesn't meet the playing standards of an organized band program. Please email me for assistance with online purchases. I would hate for your money to be wasted on an instrument that doesn't work.

2018-19 band schedule: All Trailblazer band students will also attend their regular specials with their class.

Beginning band 7:30 - 8:30 Mon-Fri - in Cafeteria: Co-taught by Mr. Wiseman and/or the assistant band director.

Second year band 7:30 - 8:30 Mon-Fri - in the band room: Co-taught by Mr. Wiseman and/or the assistant band director.

Middle School Band 11:30 - 12:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday.

Thank you very much for your continued support for our growing program.

Mr. Joel Wiseman