**7th and 8th grade Band (veteran players)**

Welcome back to 8th grade band! I’m glad that you have decided to continue your musical journey!

This year we will continue to work on learning to play our instruments, but we will work on more advanced playing concepts such as Major and Minor scales and their related Arpeggios. In addition, we will work on learning to play as an ensemble with good balance, blend and pitch control.

Being veteran players, you and your parents shouldn’t have too many questions to answer, but here are some questions that get asked by returning band members:

**What will I need for Band?** You will need Essential elements book 2 (red), Rubank Advanced method (instrument specific), and a new band shirt.

**Band Fee**: There is an $80.00 band fee that will pay for a student’s band t shirt and help pay for supplies. **The fee can be paid online through MySchoolBucks**

**Where can I get these books****?** You can purchase Essential elements book 2 (red) and Rubank Advanced methods from Art’s Music in Montgomery 271-2787(You can call and have them delivered to the school) or online at [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com) or Amazon.

**MMS Football Games:** ALLMMS 8 veteran band members will be required to perform at MMS home football games. **These performances will count as test grades.** The band will perform for the 2nd half of the 7th grade game and the 1st half of the 8th grade game.

**Game dates and times that MMS band must be at: We will meet at 5:00 and dismiss at 7:00 - parents please pick your students up promptly at 7:00. The schedule is attached.**

Band students should wear their MMS band shirts for the events. Also, band students will be allowed to go to the concession stand between games.

**Honor Bands:** Honor bands are a unique experience for band students. The best way to describe an honor band is that it is an “all-star” band made up of the top players from various middle school bands. Throughout the year I will get information about various honor bands held throughout the state. I will make the information available to the students. I **firmly believe in the learning value** of honor bands.

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**Please join the Band remind** MMS Band '23 - '24 @g3achb2