

Dear Future Band Member and Future Band Parents,

First of all, I am SO excited for you to be a member of our band family! Parents/Guardians, we firmly believe that being in band is one of the best decisions you can make for your child's education. My goal in providing this letter is to help answer some questions as we go into next year. If after this letter you still have questions, please feel free to email me at rgoodnight@p-t.k12.ok.us.

Our summer beginning band camp will be June 13th-17th from 8-10am in the HS Band Room. The registration fee will be \$40 due at the start of camp. This camp will be a time for us to get to know each other as well as beginning to learn the essential skills necessary for success in band. Each student will receive a camp shirt and will get plenty of small group time with instructors that specialize on their instrument! Any checks can be made out to the P-T Band Boosters and turned in with the registration form to Mrs. Goodnight before school ends. If you can't pay before school ends then at least turn the form in and then bring payment with you to the camp on June 13th.

On the third day of the camp we will have the Palen Music Store here from 4-6pm in order to help you obtain an instrument. They will make sure you have ALL of the equipment you need for the next day of band camp as well as the first day of school. This is the recommended way of getting an instrument! If you don't go through this process then I can't guarantee that your student will get a good quality instrument. If a poor quality instrument is purchased through other means then that can result in lots of repairs. Everytime an instrument is sent in to be repaired the student has to go at least a week without an instrument. If you do obtain an instrument a different way, then PLEASE make sure its of the following brands:

- Flute: Yamaha, Jupiter,
- Clarinet: Yamaha
- Trumpet: Yamaha, Jupiter (ones made in last 4-5 years only), Bach
- Trombone: Yamaha, Bach
- Percussion (Please do not get equipment through anyone but Palen)

Other items needed for band are as follow:

- Flute: Swab, Essential Elements Yellow Book 1
- Clarinet: Swab, 2.5 Vandoren (box of 10), Rovner Ligature, Essential Elements Yellow Book 1
- Trumpet: Cleaning kit, valve oil, slide grease, Essential Elements Yellow Book 1
- Trombone: Cleaning Kit, tuning slide grease, Slide-o-mix, Essential Elements Yellow Book 1
- Percussion (Please do not get supplies through anyone but Palen)

Starting out in band can be a little overwhelming for everyone, but I promise you that we are here to help you and your child be successful students! Before you know it, we will be at the Christmas Concert and you will be so shocked at how awesome they sound! I am privileged to be your child's teacher and am always here to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Goodnight

Director of Bands

Perkins-Tryon Public Schools