

# Haines Middle School Band

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We look forward to a wonderful year full of new exciting times and great music-making. We look forward to getting to know the new students and the incoming 6th graders. This letter contains some specific information about the band program, including some dates to mark on your calendar.

## **Bring your instruments the first day- We will play!!!!!!!**

**Books:** Please purchase these books before the start of school.

- 6<sup>th</sup>:** Accent on Achievement Book II Alfred Publishing  
**AND - Note Speller** - by Fred Weber, Belwin Publishing/ Warner Bros.  
**7<sup>th</sup>:** 101 Rhythmic Rest Patterns by Grover C. Yaus, Belwin Publishing  
**8<sup>th</sup>:** Accent on Achievement Book III Alfred Publishing

## **Supplies**

Clarinet and saxophone players: Please purchase a **new box** of Vandoren reeds so you are ready for the start of the school year. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders should use Vandoren 2 1/2 strength reeds. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, buy the strength specified by Mr. Blank or your private teacher if you are in private lessons. Buying a box at a time is cheaper than one reed at a time and will ensure a supply for several months.

**Dates: \*\*\*\*\*Band counts in the grade point average.** Attendance is **required** for the dates with an (\*) in order to receive a passing grade. Please note that 6<sup>th</sup> graders only have two required concerts where the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have three.

Wed.-Fri. August 20-22

Friday, September 12

Saturday, October 4

Thursday, October 30

Saturday, November 1

Saturday, November 8

\*Thursday, November 20

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Tuesday, January 13

Saturday, January 24

Thursday, February 12

\*Thursday, February 19

Friday March 20

Thursday, April 30

\*Thursday, May 14

Incoming 6th Grade Band Orientation Session

**8th Band** at STC North Football Game 5PM

IMEA Band Auditions @ Grainger M.S. Aurora

Fall Jazz Concert (**Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble**)

Haines Cafeteria 7:00 pm

IMEA Jazz Festival @ Traugher J.H.S. Oswego

IMEA Festival at Waubonsie Valley H.S., Aurora

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **Band** Concert 6:30 p.m. at Haines

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> **Band** Concert 8:00 p.m. at Haines

Tri-Cities Jazz Coffeehouse. **Jazz Ensemble** with Geneva and Batavia @ Geneva MS South

**Jazz Ensemble** to IWU Jazz Festival (All Day)

**Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Lab** @STC North with North H.S. Jazz Workshop and special guests

**7th and 8th Bands** with STC North Wind Ensemble  
**@ STC North 7:00 pm**

**Band and Orchestra** Solo and Ensemble Festival  
4-9 pm @ St. Charles North H.S.

**Jazz** Concert 7:30 pm

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> **Band** Concert 7:30 p.m.

**Over**

**Extra music groups** are available for students to join outside of school. These include Jazz Band and Solo and Ensemble Contest groups.

**Lessons:** 6th Graders will receive one 20 minute group lesson per week outside of band.

**Private Lessons:** Because students do not have small group (1-3 students in a group) instruction after 6th grade, private lessons are highly recommended for students in 7th and 8th grade. We have a recommended private teacher list available.

**Sectionals:** 7th and 8th graders not taking private lessons will have a sectional time to come to once every other week. This is an attempt to cover some technical and musical skills that are covered in private lessons. Private lessons are much more effective and are highly encouraged. One-on-one time with an expert on that instrument is much more effective than one period every other week in groups of 15-25 students.

**Communication:** We often put something in the weekly *Friday Forecast* and send home letters with important information. We do realize they don't always get home, so **please always feel free to call us with any questions or concerns 587-7217 or email us at erik.swenson@d303.org or john.blank@d303.org.**

**Website:** We have a Haines Music Department website!!!! We update that with important information including anything that we send home with the students. Please check it out:  
<http://www.hainesmusic.org>

**Please go to our website and sign up for email notification!!!!**

Every time we update the site you can have an email sent to your inbox with the update.

**Handbook:** You should see a handbook come home the first week of school with a letter that is to be signed and returned. Please look for this and keep it handy as it will have detailed information about the band program here at Haines.

**Locks and Lockers:** Students who play oboe, clarinet, trumpet, and alto saxophone will be assigned a locker to keep their instrument in during the day. We highly encourage students to purchase a lock to ensure that their instrument is safe. **Please remember that all locks used at Haines must be purchased from the Haines front office.**

Sincerely,

Erik Swenson

John Blank