

Haines Middle School Band

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Dear Parents and Students,

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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!!!!!!!

Schedule: Schedule for the first three days will be as follows:

Students who chose the option of Band and Orchestra – Wed- Band, Thurs and Fri – Orchestra

Students who chose the option of Band and Choir – Wed and Thurs. – Choir, Friday- Band

Students who chose the option of Band/Explore – Wed and Thurs – Explore, Friday- Band

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

6 th	Accent on Achievement Book II – Alfred Publishing, AND Note Speller – by Fred Weber – Belwin Publishing/Warner Bros.
7 th	Foundations for Superior Performance – Kjos Publishing
8 th	“[Instrument Name] Student” Student Instrumental Course – Belwin Publishing (i.e. “Trumpet Student” “Flute Student” etc.) (8th Gr. Percussion – packet will be provided)

Dates:

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| Saturday, October 2 | IMEA Band/Choir/Jazz/Orchestra Auditions @ Plank Jr High Oswego |
| Thursday, October 28 | Fall Jazz Concert Haines Cafeteria 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, October 30 | IMEA Jazz Festival @ Geneva Middle School |
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| Saturday, November 6 | IMEA Concert Festival at TBA |
| Thursday, November 18 | 6 th ,7 th ,8th Band Concert 7:00 p.m. at Haines |
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| Sunday December 12 | Small group performances at Barnes and Noble in Geneva Commons |
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| January TBA | Tri-Cities Jazz Coffeehouse. Jazz Ensemble with Geneva and Batavia @ TBA |
| Saturday, January 22 | Jazz Ensemble to IWU Jazz Festival (All Day) |
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| Thursday, February 17 | 7th and 8th Bands with STC North Wind Ensemble
@ STC North 7:00 pm |
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| Friday, March 11 | Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival
4-9 pm @ St. Charles North H.S. |
| Thursday, March 17 | Jazz Lab, Jazz Ensemble @STC North with North H.S. Jazz Workshop |
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| Week of April 11-15 | Instrument Demonstration concerts FC/C/A/WR |
| Thursday, April 28 | Jazz Concert 7:00 pm Haines Cafeteria |
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| Thursday, May 12 | 6th, 7th and 8th Band Concert 7:00 p.m. |

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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 6th graders should use Vandoren 2 1/2 strength reeds. 7th and 8th 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. Percussion players are required to have a stick bag with specified mallets snare sticks and timpani sticks. A letter with all of the information will be given out at the beginning of the school year to 6th graders. 7th and 8th grade percussionists will be checked to see if they need to replace any sticks/mallets.

Extra music groups: are available for students to join outside of school. These include Jazz Band and Special small groups (Low Brass Ensemble, Clarinet Group, Flute Group, Horn Group).

Lessons: All band students will receive one 25 minute group lesson per week during study hall .

Private Lessons: Private lessons are highly recommended. We have a recommended private teacher list available.

Communication: We often email home using eschool. Please make sure that your email address is up to date with the school. **Always feel free contact us with any questions or concerns. Our email addresses are erik.swenson@d303.org or john.blank@d303.org.**

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