



Buckeye Intermediate Bands

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Dear Band Parent(s),

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I would like to welcome you and your son/daughter to one of the most exciting and rewarding educational ventures our schools have to offer – **BAND!** Those of us who have chosen music careers have found many rewards which may not be apparent when one first considers, “Why Should I Be In Band?”

♪ **Boost Your Brain:** Statistics prove that young people who participate in music are among the **academically strongest in their schools** and have higher SAT score averages. Music study also incorporates other disciplines such as math, language, reading, history, physics, and listening and coordination skills. Their adult lives are filled with successes which are a direct result of their band experience: self-discipline, group cooperation, high self-esteem, persistence and performance confidence. *Band will provide this foundation for your child.*

♪ **Parent Involvement:** For you the adults, becoming involved is essential. We all know the importance of supporting our children in whatever they choose in life. You are encouraged to **work with your child**, sharing in this exciting learning process. The thrill of a new adventure is enough to provide an ample supply of positive motivation for the first few weeks. *Once the initial enthusiasm wears off,* it is crucial to have already developed a **solid practice schedule**, assuring a successful and personally gratifying learning process for your child. *Your support and guidance will be key factors* in establishing these habits, thereby insuring attainment of the musical goals.

♪ **Practice for Success:** It is vital to develop a discipline that makes home practice a natural part of the day. Many new concepts are taught during band classes, and the limited time does not afford the personal attention vital in developing technical facility required for the upcoming years of musical exploration. The most effective home rehearsal programs are based on a daily half hour of quality practice. **You and your young musician should agree on a practice time and a special place** in your home designated as their area of musical study. End each session with a final 5-10 minute presentation of the new material to others to build performance confidence. Use the practice chart as a reminder and a reward poster for the commitment needed for consistent achievement. Remember: *positive reinforcement* is the most effective communication you can share in this important quest.

The cooperative efforts of the band director, the student musician and the willing parent(s) constitute a proven *recipe for success*. Let us join in establishing a solid foundation at the onset of their career.

Your thoughts and questions are encouraged. I'm looking forward to *banding together!*

Musically yours,

Mrs. Dena Timura