

Dear Band Parent(s),

Sixth Grade Band is about to begin! Your child has selected _____ as the instrument that they want to play this year. Below is information in regards to renting their instrument. Please contact me if you are unable to rent an instrument and I will work to get one for you. The students will be working out of the *Standard of Excellence* band book (this is the red book). Please make sure that you purchase the book for your child's instrument. The percussion book is like two books in one, it covers both the drums and mallet instruments. All percussionists will begin on the bells. Later in the year they will need the snare drum. All percussionists will need to purchase drumsticks. Woodwind players will want to make sure that they have extra reeds and brass players will need extra valve oil.

The first few weeks of learning to play a band instrument are especially important. Good practice habits need to be established at home from the beginning, and a parent(s) or guardian(s) can help. I have established a private lessons program at Highlands to aid in the students' success. Instructors for flute, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, trumpet, and trombone will be offering private lessons. These lessons are once a week after school and range from \$10.00-\$12.00 per 30 minutes. I will have sign up sheets for the students the first week of school. Lessons are not mandatory....but they do help!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or if I may be of additional help. I am very excited about this upcoming school year. Great things are already happening musically with our marching band. The band will be performing this Friday at the first home football game. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you! Hope to see you there!!

Musically,

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Instrument Rentals and Information:

Wert Music

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Check out our NEW website!!! This year we will be featuring many of our talented 6th grade musicians here. You can also check the site to find out about upcoming concerts, meetings, and fundraisers!!

www.highlandsband.org

