

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Class Information

Classes will be at Edgewood Middle School in the band room rm121 (next to cafeteria)

-Time 7:30am to 8:15am

**\*\*Class will begin the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>\*\***

### Daily Schedule

**Mondays-Flutes**

**Tuesdays-Clarinets**

**Wednesdays-Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone**

**Thursdays-Percussion**

**Fridays-Saxophones**

-Transportation has provided a bus route schedule for students to ride Middle School bus routes to band class or parents may bring them. Bus routes are available at the parent meeting and from homeroom teachers.

**\*\*Transportation has informed me that trombones are too large to be brought on the bus so parents will need to make arrangements to bring their child to band. Busses are overcrowded. Going to the elementaries will be ok on the bus.**

In class we will work through the book Essential Elements 2000.

We follow a step by step process from putting instruments together to playing music and performing techniques. The first year students learn the basic skills of reading music and playing their instrument.

### Materials

Students need to have their instrument, book and a pencil for every class!

-Book we use is Essential Elements 2000 Book I

### Grades

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students do not receive letter grades for band, however they will periodically get a progress report sent home to be signed by a parent and returned to the band director.

## **Practice**

**Students will have assignments to practice each week. They should mark these in their book.**

**It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students start and keep a regular practice routine. Students should practice 20 to 30 minutes per day at home.**

**This vital to them having success on their instrument!**

**They will get a practice sheet each week to fill out and turn in at each band class.**

## **Practice Tips:**

- **Practice at the same time every day if possible**
- **Practice where it is quiet and your not disturbed**
- **Practice things slowly and carefully**
- **Be Patient and Positive**

## **Concerts**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade will present a concert on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the EHS Auditorium**

## **Private Lessons**

**Private lessons are strongly encouraged but not required, we have lessons available for most instruments with students from the High School Band. If your interested please have your child get a lesson sign up form in the EMS band room and fill it out and turn in to Mr. Baker.**

**\*\*On days that school is on a 1 or 2 hour delay there will be NO 5<sup>th</sup> Grade band !!\*\***

**\*\*Parents, please be encouraging to your child as they begin this journey. Hopefully band will open up a new world for them! Playing music can provide a lifetime of enjoyment, a career and college scholarship opportunities.**

**I hope everyone has a great year!**

**If you have any questions at any time please contact me at 867-7430  
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