



# WELCOME TO THE DULLES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



INCOMING PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Haven't registered or signed up for your appointment?  
Go to [www.dmsvikingband.org](http://www.dmsvikingband.org)

# WHAT ARE WE ALL ABOUT?

## • MUSIC

We work to instill the highest levels of musicianship in all students.

## • TEAMWORK

Students learn to value *their own* contributions *and* the contributions of others.

## • CHARACTER

Students develop perseverance, confidence, kindness, patience, respect and integrity.

# **THE BAND EXPERIENCE – LOOKING AHEAD...**

- **STUDENTS ARE TREATED AS FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE DHS VIKING BAND.**
- **7TH & 8TH GRADE BAND (2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR STUDENTS)**
  - **40-45 MEMBER ENSEMBLES**
  - **WEEKLY BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SECTIONALS**
  - **GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**
  - **PUBLIC PERFORMANCES**
  - **CONCERTS**
  - **FUN TRAVEL**

# WHAT IS BAND LIKE FOR A BEGINNER?

- **NO PREVIOUS MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**
- **DAILY CLASS DURING SCHOOL (EVERYDAY)**
- **HOMOGENOUS CLASSES (15-20 STUDENTS ON LIKE INSTRUMENTS)**
- **LEARN FUNDAMENTALS, MUSIC LITERACY, & DEVELOP INDEPENDENCE.**
- **PREPARE FOR A FUTURE AS A MEMBER OF A PERFORMING ENSEMBLE**

# **WHAT IS BAND LIKE FOR A BEGINNER – OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS?**

- **2 CONCERTS – WINTER & SPRING**
- **ONLY 4 REQUIRED REHEARSALS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS**
- **HOUSTON SYMPHONY FIELD TRIP**
- **SPRING FESTIVAL AND TRIP TO MAIN EVENT**
- **SOCIAL EVENTS**

# WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO HELP MY CHILD?

- **ENCOURAGE/ENFORCE PRACTICE (30 MINUTES PER DAY)**
- **SECURE QUALITY INSTRUMENT ON TIME TO START THE YEAR**
- **HELP THEM KEEP UP WITH MATERIALS (BINDER, INSTRUMENT, BOOK, SHIRT)**
- **BE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS**
- **SIGN THEM UP FOR PRIVATE LESSONS**
- **ENCOURAGE/ENFORCE PRACTICE (30 MINUTES PER DAY)**

# **WHAT WILL MY CHILD PLAY?**

- **INSTRUMENT SELECTION IS MADE BY THE DIRECTORS.**
- **WE CONSIDER:**
  - **CHILD'S INTEREST**
  - **CHILD'S STRENGTHS**
  - **INSTRUMENTATION NEEDS (SECTION SIZES)**
  - **ACADEMIC/BEHAVIORAL BACKGROUND**

# **INSTRUMENT SELECTION INTERVIEW**

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?**

**INTERVIEWS BEGIN TOMORROW!**

**TUESDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SATURDAY APRIL 20**

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# THE INSTRUMENTS

- **FLUTE (14)**
- **OBOE (2)**
- **BASSOON (2)**
- **CLARINET (18)**
- **SAXOPHONE (8)**
- **TRUMPET (14)**
- **FRENCH HORN (6)**
- **TROMBONE (12)**
- **EUPHONIUM (4)**
- **TUBA (4)**
- **PERCUSSION (10)**

# **INSTRUMENT SELECTION INTERVIEW**

- **STUDENTS WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THEIR BAND DIRECTORS.**
- **STUDENTS WILL TRY THE DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS DURING THE INTERVIEW.**
- **WE'LL HELP NARROW IT DOWN TO 2 GOOD CHOICES.**
- **WE'LL EMAIL EVERYONE THEIR FINAL PLACEMENT DECISION ONCE WE FINISH ALL INTERVIEWS.**

# **INSTRUMENT SELECTION INTERVIEW**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- **PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS DECISION.**
- **ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND (YOU TOO 😊)**

**When you receive your child's placement (email), follow the steps to secure an instrument & supplies.**

# **WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED FOR BAND?**

- **FROM MUSIC STORE (MUSIC & ARTS)**

- **INSTRUMENT (RENT)**

- **MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES, BOOK (PURCHASE)**

- **FROM DMS BAND**

- **BAND BINDER (\$6)**

- **BAND SHIRT (\$14)**

# **WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED FOR BAND?**

**AFTER INSTRUMENT SELECTION, PARENTS WILL RECEIVE:**

- **INSTRUMENT SELECTION DECISION**
- **A SUPPLY LIST**
- **A LINK TO MUSIC & ARTS RENTAL WEBSITE**
- **A LINK TO SIGN UP FOR PRIVATE LESSONS**

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL NEXT WEEK FOR THIS.**

# WHAT ARE PRIVATE LESSONS?

- **ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUCTION WITH A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN**
- **WEEKLY - @ DMS (DURING SCHOOL, BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL)**
- **\$23 PER LESSON – PAY INSTRUCTOR DIRECTLY (CHECK, CASH, ELECTRONIC)**
- **60% OF DMS BAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PRIVATE LESSONS!**
- **REQUIRED FOR HONOR BAND MEMBERS**
- **LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM OUR VBB – BASED ON PERFORMANCE IN BAND AND ACADEMIC COURSES.**

# **JOIN THE VIKING BAND BOOSTERS**

- **SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE**
- **VOLUNTEER TO CHAPERONE AND HELP WITH EVENTS**
- **WATCH YOUR CHILD GROW MUSICALLY AND SOCIALLY**
- **JOIN THE VBB BOARD**
  - **ORGANIZE EVENTS**
  - **ORGANIZE FUNDRAISING**
  - **HELP US PLAN AND MAKE DECISIONS**



# QUESTIONS?

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