

Good afternoon!

It was SOOOO nice to see everyone again today and catch up on our summer break! I can tell they are EXCITED and ready to dive in headfirst. There are just a few things I wanted make sure parents received information on regarding what I talked about with students today. Each paragraph will be labeled for which grade(s) it pertains to.

(ALL)

The Band Handbook (syllabus) has almost all information regarding rules, materials, important dates, concert attire, etc. for the entirety of the school year. It can also be found on the Band Website located here: <https://www.hrmsband.com/files-links>. **As a bare minimum, I ask parents to read through the "Quick Glance for Parents" page since it gives you bullet points on the most important information.** I highly recommend you read through the entirety of the Handbook to best understand what to expect in Band this year as well as how the class will operate.

(7th & 8th Grade)

Jazz Band auditions will happen during the 3rd and 4th weeks of school. The music for the auditions can be found on the Band website here: <https://www.hrmsband.com/jazz-band>

(7th & 8th Grade)

All County Band audition material is up on the Band website. For students interested in auditioning, I would highly recommend starting to work on the music NOW. 8th Grade will be given the music in class tomorrow. The audition material can also be found here: <https://www.hrmsband.com/all-county-district>

(6th Grade)

The most IMPORTANT piece of information you need to know about is the Instrument Rental Virtual Meeting this Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 pm. If your child does not have an instrument and needs to obtain one, then you **NEED** to be at this meeting! At this meeting, we will be talking with a representative from the company we use for rentals, Music & Arts, about the entire rental process and any potential questions that may arise. The Method Book we will be using (Essential Elements 2000: Book 1) will be included with your rental that you set up at this meeting. **If you already own an instrument, then you do not need to be at this meeting but must obtain the book on your own either online through Amazon or at the Music & Arts store in Cary.**

A link for the meeting will be emailed to you on Thursday and will be available on the Band website on Thursday as well.

(7th & 8th Grade)

Students need instruments tomorrow (Tuesday)!

(ALL)

I will provide more information about grade specific events at the Meet The Teacher on September 3rd and through email if you cannot make it in person to the Meet The Teacher.

Looking forward to a fantastic year in Band!