



May 17, 2017

Dear 6th Grade and 7th Grade Band Parents,

What a great year of music making in band! Students have put forth a great deal of time and effort and have reached new heights in their musicianship. As a result, they have enjoyed fantastic performances and have furthered their ability on their instruments. I appreciate their excitement and enthusiasm for music and it has been a pleasure teaching them this year.

Band students in seventh and eighth grade combine to form the Advanced Band. Students will learn exciting and challenging band pieces, meet three days a week, and perform on three concerts. Advanced Band work from the method book *Essential Elements for Band: Book 2* which contains a wide variety of songs and advanced musical and technical concepts. Seventh graders will be introduced to this content while eighth graders will work towards mastery. We once again plan to perform at the MMEA Band Clinic in late February/early March.

All Advanced Band students are eligible to participate in the MSBOA Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival in April. At festival students perform a solo or ensemble piece for a professional adjudicator to receive feedback on their performance and the opportunity to earn a medal. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to work together outside of class and to earn recognition for their musical accomplishments. Other opportunities include auditioning for MSBOA Middle School Honor Band and MSBOA All-State Honor Band.

As the school year now ends it is time to enroll in band for the coming year. *As in 2016-17, there is no additional fee for your child to enroll in band.* Please complete, detach, and return the form at the bottom of this letter to your child's homeroom teacher by **Wednesday May 24**. We have another great year in store, and we want you to be a part of it!

If you have questions about the coming year please feel free to contact me. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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CSGK Band Enrollment Form 2017-18

Student Name (first, last): _____ Current Grade: 6th 7th

Parents, mark the appropriate box and sign below.

Students, return to your homeroom teacher by **Wednesday May 24**.

- Yes, my child will continue in band next school year.
- No, my child will not continue in band next school year.

Parent Signature

Date