

Sparta Middle School Band Announcements 8/29

6th Grade:

- Your child should have an instrument or a blue school instrument contract turned in by Tuesday, 9/4.
- If the financial commitment of renting an instrument is too much, your child may borrow an instrument from the school. All students without instruments in class today were sent home with a BLUE school instrument contract. Please sign and return by Tuesday. Payment is not immediately needed for students borrowing school instruments.
- Per the class materials list, ALL clarinet and saxophone players must have at least 3 good reeds (not chipped or broken). If you rented from a music store, you may already have these.
- If your child is borrowing an instrument from the school, reeds are not included and must be provided by the student.
- Reeds can be purchased in boxes of 10 from any music store, or online from Amazon or Woodwind and Brasswind. I do have a VERY limited supply of reeds at school--the price is \$1.25 for clarinet, and \$1.50 for saxophone. This should only be used in emergency situations, NOT as your child's primary supply of reeds.
- Recommened Reed brands and strength: Juno 2.5, D'Addario 2.5, Vandoren 2, Mitchell Laurie 2.5, Hemke 2.5
- Books will be in next week. I will send home an email via Powerschool and a payment slip when they are delivered to us.
- If you have ANY questions as we get things rolling in band class, please don't hesitate to contact me! Email is best.
- There was a small error in the concert calendar: the 6th Grade Band's May concert is on TUESDAY, May 21st.

7th Grade:

- Books will be in next week. I will send home an email via Powerschool and a payment slip when they are delivered to us.
- The 7th Grade Band's first performance is at the Homecoming Parade on October 5th. More information will come as soon as I know the new parade route.

8th Grade:

- The 8th Grade Band's first performance is at the Homecoming Parade on October 5th. More information will come as soon as I know the new parade route.

*****All band students should bring their instruments every day starting on Tuesday, 9/4. Please note that a forgotten instrument will result in a lowered grade. If it becomes a pattern of behavior, consequences will be dealt per the school discipline rubric*****