



Western Middle School Bands

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Dear Middle Schoolers, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to the Western Middle School Band program! This year's band students are going to share in a remarkable tradition of musical excellence in our school. Through this journey, band classes will be exploring music through history, theory, and performance. We are very excited and we hope that the students have an amazing experience.

Information regarding the Band program can be found on the Western School District website (www.wsdpantthers.org). Click on The Arts: MS Band. There you will find the Western Middle School Band Handbook and a full calendar of band events. Please note the following performance events that occur outside of the school day, as these are included in the students' grades: Concert wardrobe is **all black dress clothes**.

October 22nd- MS Fall Concert ----- 5:30 (6th grade)/6:15 pm (7th grade)

December 12th - MS Holiday Concert ---- 5:30/6:15 pm

TBD- Music Department Picture Day

February 4th- "Chilly" Jazz Dinner ----8th Grade Jazz only 5:30 pm

February 12th - Pre-Festival Concert -- 6th grade 5:30pm, 7th/8th grade 6:15 pm

May 20th - MS Spring Concert ----- 6 & 7 pm

***6th Grade only:** 6th Grade Instrument Rental Night & General Meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the High School Auditorium. Bring used instruments and checkbooks to this meeting also.

Students are required to have a working instrument at all times. Arrangements for loaner instruments must be made with repair shops in advance of service. Along with a quality working instrument, students will be using a band method book. Most students paid for this book at the end of last year and will receive it in the first week of school. Students will use iPads (Schoology) in addition to other supplemental work. The grading policy follows district guidelines and can be found in the Western Middle School Music Handbook.

Further communication will be sent via email using the address provided through PowerSchool. Please make sure that you have an up-to-date email address and phone number on file. You can reach us using the contact information above. Best wishes on a fantastic school year! Go Panthers!!

Musically yours,

Mr. Wallace & Mr. Good

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