

Arthurs Music Department

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Hello Band Families!

Here is the latest news from the Arthurs Instrumental Music Department.



1. Return to School
2. Meet Student Teacher/Duncan McMillan (WSU)
3. Band Handbook 2024-2025
4. Calendar of Events 2024-2025
5. Arthurs Music Department website
6. Trenton Band Boosters - 1st Meeting = Sept. 11, 7pm
7. THS Marching Band Invitational = Sept. 21

1. Return to School - Last week went very smoothly with students moving back into the band room! So far we have configured seating arrangements, assigned instrument storage, and started ensemble rehearsal. The required band method books for each band class are:

6th Grade ***Essential Elements Book 1 (yellow)***

7th Grade ***Essential Elements Book 2 (red)***

8th Grade ***Standard of Excellence Book 2 (blue)***

The parent letter with this information is attached to this email as a PDF.

At this time, all students should be prepared for class each day with:

- Instrument
- Pencils/pens/highlighters
- Chromebook
- Combination lock for instrument storage
- Band method book

2. Meet Student Teacher - Duncan McMillan (WSU) - This semester, we welcome Duncan McMillan from Wayne State University! Mr. McMillan will be with us M/W/F in this part-time placement as he completes his teacher certification.

3. Band Handbook 2024-2025 - This week, all students will receive a copy of the Band Handbook 2024-2025. Please read and review the details included and return the signed policy agreement form. A PDF of the handbook is attached to this email.

4. Calendar of Events 2024-2025 - This week, all students will receive a copy of all of the confirmed performance dates and deadlines for this school year. Please add these important dates to your family calendar! A PDF of this event list is attached to this email.

5. Arthurs Music Department website - I would like to direct your attention to the Arthurs Music Department website. Click here:

<https://ams.trentonschools.com/arts/music> This is the primary location for all information about the activities of the Arthurs Music Department. **Please note that there is a Google Calendar on the bottom of this page with all of our dates updated regularly that you can add to your digital calendars!*

6. Trenton Band Boosters - We invite all parents and families to get involved in support of our students by participation in our Trenton Band Boosters organization! **Our first meeting of the year is Wednesday, September 11 at 7pm in the THS Band Room.**



7. THS Marching Band Invitational - On **Saturday, September 21**, the students in the 7th & 8th Grade Concert Bands will be performing the Star Spangled Banner during the opening ceremony of the Trenton High School Marching Band Invitational. Students are to report to the THS Football Stadium at **1:30pm** with performance at **2pm**. More details to follow.

Thank You!

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Link: Arthurs Music Website