



**WELCOME BACK
6th GRADE BAND MEMBERS!**



We have a lot of new and exciting changes this year! For the first time, all 6th grade band students will receive a grade on their report card for band. We want to guarantee their success, so please read over this new information and don't hesitate to e-mail with any concerns or questions. We are looking forward to working with your 6th grade band member.

Lessons: Lessons will now occur at the same time as your child's music class. They will come to their lesson INSTEAD of going to Music for a 45 minute lesson. (6th percussion is the only exception. Their lesson time will be Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. -they will attend normal Music class)

How this works with the new schedule: The students will need to have their instrument on Music Day every week. (If their music day is on an "A day" for example, they need to have their supplies for band on that day - This does not necessarily mean the lesson will occur on Wednesdays for instance. It will be important to check the school website to confirm if the day is an A, B, C, D, or E day.)

Full Band: Full Band will be offered before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30. Your child should attend at least one of these rehearsals to prepare for our concerts.

Our Grading Process: Your child will receive a band grade INSTEAD of a music grade. They will receive a quarterly packet that will include the assignments as well as other needed papers and fun music to play. The students will pencil in the due date for all of their assignments so they can keep organized and prepared for successful evaluations. The following is an example breakdown of how they will be graded each quarter.

Quarter 1

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| 50% Participation | Weekly (instrument, book, pencil, practice minutes, effort)
(since this is 50% of the grade, it is very important to have all of their supplies on their lesson day) | |
| 10% Notes – Scales 1-5 (not memorized) | | Due _____ |
| 10% Rhythms – worksheet #R1 | | Due _____ |
| 10% Theory – Worksheet #T1 | | Due _____ |
| 20% Performance – pg. ____ # ____ | | Due _____ |

*** We are hoping that you have already received this information through an e-mail. If you have not, then please e-mail Mr. Monroe at st_monroe@smfcsd.org so we can keep you updated with important information.

Lastly, If you child is not playing an instrument this year, please e-mail one of the directors by Friday Sept. 4. If we don't hear from you, we will anticipate and look forward for their participation all year.