



CLARK-PLEASANT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take an opportunity to provide you with information about our amazing band program at CPMS. **Next year, 6th grade students will have the opportunity to participate as a member of the CPMS Beginning Band.** Band is more than just playing an instrument; it is immersing your child in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about education. It challenges each child to use the creative side of his/her brain while, at the same time, learning a new language ... MUSIC.

Band is offered as a full year class that meets everyday. **Participation in band does not conflict with athletics, clubs, or any other extra curricular activities.** In a recent survey, over 72% of students that participate in band and choir are an athlete or participate in other clubs or activities. Students who choose to participate in the band will have FIT each day as well as their other classes. Students will need to choose between Band, Choir, or a related arts rotation. Students **will** have related arts in 7th/8th grade in addition to their participation in band or choir. All interested **students should sign up at this time.**

Enclosed with this letter you will find a "Frequently Asked Questions" brochure and have access to our recruitment video to share with your students (cpmsbeginningband.weebly.com). Please take time to look through all of the information with your student. **In order to place your student on an instrument that they will be successful on, students need to sign-up for an Instrument "Try-on" night at cpmsbeginningband.weebly.com. It is important that students who sign-up for band attend ONE of these nights.**

It is very important that you do not purchase an instrument prior to attending the try-on night. We want to ensure that your student will have success on the instrument they choose.

To sign-up for an Instrument Try-On Night:

- * Go to cpmsbeginningband.weebly.com and follow the links to sign-up (by April 12th)**
- * If you do not have access to the website please call (317) 535-3180 or email one of the band directors below.**

We hope that you find this information useful as you discuss your child's future academic plans. Thank you for your interest in the Clark-Pleasant Middle School music program. We look forward to meeting you and working with your student.

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