

Hi 6th Grade Band Families!

Welcome back to school. Hopefully, everyone is getting back into the swing of the new school year. We in the HMS Band Department want to share some of the information that has been given to students during the first few days.

- Because of the large number of 6th grade band members, the students have been split into two 6th grade bands. There is no difference in the ability or talent level of the bands, only that we needed as close an equal instrumentation as possible between the two groups. The band that meets on Holmen days (“H” days) will be known as the Holmen Band and the band that meets on Viking days (“V” days) will be known as the Viking Band.
- Students will need their instruments, mouthpieces, reeds, mallets and red lesson books for all rehearsals starting tomorrow (Friday) for the Holmen Band and Tuesday (9/7) for the Viking Band.
- Band Lessons will not start until Monday, September 13. You will receive another email when the lesson schedule is completed.
- Attached to this email is a HMS Band Department calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Take note of the performing group for each event as this is a calendar for the entire HMS band program. The sixth grade band has a fall concert on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00pm and a spring concert on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm. Please mark the dates on family calendars as soon as possible to avoid conflicts. Concerts are required elements of this and any performance music class. Absences from performances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and an alternate project will be assigned for any concert absence to make up for the missed performance. (The 6th grade does not march in any parades.)
- Visit the HMS Band website for other information, music store links, games, and media - [HMS Band webpage](#)

Please let us know if you have questions, comments, or concerns about the HMS band program and how we can help us serve your child. Our goal is to make band a rewarding, memorable experience for all!

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