

October 2017

Dear Band Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to all our fourth grade students! Happy Halloween!

All students should have received a band handbook at their first or second lesson. Please read, fill out and return the back page if you haven't already done so.

Every fifth grade student started lessons in the last week of September and fourth grade students will start the first week of October. Your child will have lessons the same day every week to make it easier to remember when to come. We will keep the same days for the first trimester, then change. Flutes are on Mondays, Clarinets on Tuesdays, Saxophones and Trombones are on Wednesdays, Trumpets are on Thursdays, and Percussionists will come to their lessons on Fridays.

Now is the time to get a book for your student. Fourth graders will use the book "Breeze Easy" bk. 1 and fifth graders will use "Accent on Achievement" bk. 1. You can call Big Apple Music at (315) 732-3502 or if you would prefer to send money to me at school, please send a check made out to Big Apple Music. A wire music stand is also a good tool to help your child develop proper playing habits.

Thank you parents for helping your child understand the band rules and develop a practice habit. Remember, 4th grade students should practice 100 minutes a week (5 times 20 minutes) and 5th grade students should practice 120 minutes. Watch for practice incentives this year!

Many new students already have their instruments. Thank you for your help with this!

Some of my advanced fifth grade students may be interested in playing in the All County band coming up in March. Please contact me at my school email (mhaehnel@unatego.stier.org) or by class dojo if you would like to set up a time to work on Saturdays or after school. It's a real challenge because our fifth graders would be competing with sixth graders from throughout our county. I must turn in the names of students ready to play by December first.

I hope to set up some extra time with some of you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Haehnel

