

Greetings LMMS band students, parents, and guardians!

Here's the plan for LMMS summer band. Please read carefully!

### **Marching Band for the Town & Country Parade (Students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

All students continuing to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band are expected to march in the Town and Country Parade and attend the rehearsals beforehand. The Town and Country Parade will be held on Saturday, June 25. Line up is at 10 A.M. To prepare for this, students will rehearse 1:00P.M.-2:30 P.M. in the middle school band room (and outside) weekdays June 20-24. If the main doors are locked, please try the back door to the band room. **If there is a family obligation or conflict with the parade or rehearsals for any reason, please contact me sooner rather than later and I will be understanding and happy to accommodate you.**

Participants will receive extra credit for their first quarter band grade next year. Students who cannot participate due to illness or family obligation will not be penalized. Pending permission from management, we will also have our annual beach party at Sandy Beach in the week following the parade to reward our marching band. We will be wearing T-shirts provided by the music program. Please plan to march in blue shorts. Please no sandals in the parade and in practice, for your feet's sake.

### **Lessons (Students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can still take band lessons. We will meet one on one (or with a friend) for the same half-hour slot each week for the weeks of June 20-July 22. A sign up schedule for lesson times is available to your student in my classroom. Lesson times are available Monday through Thursday evenings after 2:30. Once full, I will not be able to take on any more students. If the main doors are locked, please come to the back door of the band room. *Summer school lessons are required for any student who is new to band or any student looking to switch instruments for next year.*

### **Beginner Lessons (Students entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin their lessons during the week of August 1-4. This is later in the summer to save parents money on rental during June and July, and to provide a smooth transition into the school year. Your student will see me twice: once in a sectional lesson and once in a small group lesson. More information will follow in July

We will work on the fundamentals of playing an instrument, including the beginning tone. Everything following this instruction in their music education is based off of "how we learned it in the beginner camp." While I can't require all incoming band members to start with summer lessons during these weeks, I can't overemphasize their importance.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you this summer!

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