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Greetings! This is the first whole Band Newsletter of the year. As always, we have a lot going on with the start of the new year. For our new people, the newsletter is set up for you to see what pertains to your group - but you can still see what is going on with our entire program.

Congrats to the Marching Dukes on their 1st Place at the Carnation Parade and to Karlee Scott for 1st Place Featured Twirler! The MDM are getting ready for their fourth Football Game and our first Competition at Louisville this Saturday.

ALL Bands

Please look at attending our Booster Meetings. It is for the entire program - not just the High School. Our next meeting will be **October 17th at 7:00** in the HS Band Room. Please keep posted on all of our events at www.marlingtonband.org. The web site includes pictures, listening examples, and links for the group. For all ensembles, our first **Concert** will be **December 19th at 7:00 in the High School Auditorium**. Our Middle Schools students wear black on bottom and white on top. Dress clothes are expected. We are performing and need to look the part! Feel free to get clothes from the second hand stores as a way to save money - especially with growing Middle Schoolers! More details to come....

FOR ALL NEW BAND MEMBERS -

Lessons are a requirement. These students are very welcome to join our Band Family but are behind in their skills compared to the other students. They need individual help that I cannot provide during class. I have High School Students ready to start helping out and will be calling to make arrangements. I will be at all of the HS led lessons and will oversee the process. Other private teachers are also an option. I will just need to know who they are taking lessons from.

6th Grade Band

This is the start to our time together in Band! All students need to have their instrument, Red "Traditions of Excellence" Book, Folder, pencil, headphones, and iPad at every class. Students will need to have headphones on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please encourage the students to practice at home (especially on the weekends) since our class time will not be enough to help them improve. In other classes we call it homework.



7th Grade Band

Here we go for our second year and the group looks to be awesome again this year! ALL students need to have the Blue "Traditions of Excellence" Book by Monday. *Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* We are finishing the last page of the Red Book and need to move on. **ANYONE SWITCHING INSTRUMENTS MUST TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS.** Please see to New Band Members section.

We will be performing for the last Football Game of the regular season on **October 20th**. Students should wear Marlinton clothes and dress appropriately for the weather. We will be there for the whole game and the students will get to play with the High School. They will also receive food at the game but may wish to purchase extra. Details will be in the next newsletter.

8th Grade Band

Here's to our third year MS Band Members! We are in the Blue Book and all students need to have their own book. *Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* We will be performing for the last Football Game of the regular season on **October 20th**. Students should wear Marlinton clothes and dress appropriately for the weather. We will be there for the whole game and the students will get to play with the High School. They will also receive food at the game but may wish to purchase extra. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Guitar

Here's to the new class of Guitar Players!!! All of the students need to have a guitar, folder, pencil, and book. We have already started learning 6 chords! We will be performing at the Winter Concert on **December 19th**. This is a mandatory performance. Details will be forthcoming. I look forward to hearing this year's ensemble!

High School Band

So many things.... This **Saturday**, we have the Louisville Competition and a Football Game against Warren JFK. Doors will open at 1:00. **RTG is 2:30**. We perform from 4:15 - 4:30. Afterwards we will head back to Marlinton for some dinner. *Please send in \$5.00 to help cover the food.* We will have pizza and hotdogs. Then we will leave for Warren and play at the game.

Times are tentative, but are in for the Avon Competition as well. Doors open at 1:00. RTG is 2:30. We perform at 6:00. Awards are at 7:20 and we should be headed home after that. Please remember that this is the tentative schedule.

The Football team is doing quite well this year and has a good chance of going to the play-offs. This will be an extension of the season. We may qualify for State Marching Band Finals which may also extend our season. Please stay up to date on the calendar.

In addition, we will have several fundraisers including popcorn and Chipotle coming up. We need your help! You don't have to do a lot, but do something! Added together, we get a great return.

Thanks to all of the Students and Parents for their hard work and willingness to get ready for this year's performances. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Musically Yours,

Bret Rindergast

