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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.

The MDM have been busy and performed at the Carnation Parade, Stark County Fair, and two away football games. They are now getting ready for their first home game (Manchester) and their upcoming competitions.

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.

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 **September 12th 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 16th 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....



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. 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! *Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* We should finish the Red Book and will be moving on to the Blue Book during the year! **ANYONE SWITCHING INSTRUMENTS MUST TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS.** Please see the New Band Members section.

8th Grade Band

Here's to our third year MS Band Members! We are finishing the last part of the Blue Book and will be moving on to the Green Book! *Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* We will be performing for the last Home Football Game of the regular season on **October 18th**. 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 will be performing at the Winter Concert on **December 16th**. This is a mandatory performance. Details will be forthcoming. I look forward to hearing this year's ensemble!


High School Band

So many things.... On **Saturday the 21st**, we have the Akron and Hoover Competitions. Doors will open at 8:00. **RTG is 9:00**. We perform at Akron from 11:15 - 11:30. Afterwards we will head to Hoover. I do not have details for that event yet. A newsletter with all of the details will be coming out as soon as I do. The students will have lunch provided in between the two events. Please stay up to date on the calendar. We have a home game against Manchester this **Friday** and RTG is **6:00**.

There will be an informational trip meeting scheduled by next week for New York. The itinerary is great and I can't wait to see the kids perform in "The Big Apple"!

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bret Rindergast". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.