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Greetings! The MDM have been busy and earned Excellent Ratings at our first two competitions. They are now getting ready for the last two competitions at Riverview and New Philly.

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 **October 10th 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 7th through 12th Grade 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

We have most of our new students signed up in lessons and they are beginning to catch up! We have some students that are still struggling and will need to get into lessons before they fall way behind. If your student's grade is REALLY LOW, it means they probably haven't turned in assignments. Those grades have a Z in them and can be made up. I will be trying to catch them up this week. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE AN INSTRUMENT AND A BOOK. *This includes percussion!!!*** The students cannot practice at home if they don't have an instrument to practice on. Please let me know if I can help!!

7th Grade Band

The group just took a note test and many of them are struggling. We need to get caught up on this knowledge. There will be more chances to improve the scores and get the group where it needs to be. Please ask them to play for you and see what they sound like!! If it isn't as good as you think they should be, we probably need to get some lessons. We will be moving to the new Blue Book of Traditions of Excellence.

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 next month! *Please be sure to get it ordered soon. Thanks to that already have it!*

We will be performing for the last Home Football Game of the regular season on **October 18th. They should arrive at 6:00.** 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. The students will have a short 1/2 practice with the HS Band on **October 16th** and be **done by 3:30**. All of the students will ride any of the last 3 busses in the first wave over to the HS. They will then come to the Band Room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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

The final push.... On **Saturday the 12th**, we have the Riverview Competition and on the **19th** we have New Philly. Please see the newsletters in ParentSquare for the details of the events. Also, we have our last 3 football games including the Senior/Middle School Night on the **18th**. ***At that game, we will be doing a Parent Performance at the conclusion of the game.*** In November, we will be performing at the school's Veteran's Day Assembly. We will be switching to concert season during this month.

Please make sure to fill out the Broadway Show Form for those going to NY. I am placing our order Tuesday Morning. Remember that once tickets are purchased, they cannot be exchanged.

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 Lindquist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.