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## Newsletter 2024.25.5

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Greetings! We are in the midst of many transitions in our groups. The MDM have transitioned into concert season, Solo & Ensemble practice, and Frosty's groups. The 6th Grade Band has reconvened to 5 days of whole Band. The 7th and 8th Grade Bands have moved into new books as well. Thanks for everyone's efforts!

### 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 **December 10th at 7:00** in the HS Band Room. Please keep posted on all of our events at [www.marlingtonband.org](http://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 next Monday - **December 9th at 7:00 in the High School Auditorium.** Students should show up by 6:30. Doors will open for students at 6:00. The High School will have on their Formal Uniforms. Please remember that we don't use the black buttons on the tuxedo shirts. 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! For all groups, Holiday wear is expectable! No lights or sound please!

### 6th Grade Band

We have begun having all of the students together for Band. Please have them play for you to see how they are sounding. 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 have been reminding the students to get their assignments turned in. **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

We are in the Blue Book of Traditions of Excellence. We also had a book check on Tuesday. If they have theirs this week, I will change their grades for the assignment. 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.



## 8th Grade Band

We are working at the beginning of the Green Book. It is our first group to get to this series. Please encourage them to keep working.

## Guitar

We will be performing at the Winter Concert on **December 9th**. This is a mandatory performance. We have two songs and the kids are progressing nicely.

## High School Band

First up - an apology. We needed to get out concert wear forms for the High School. I had not taken care of this and Betsy was helpful in getting the ball rolling. With some students' help we were able to get it all done in time. This meant that Formal Wear Forms did not go home. This is my fault. We will get everyone the prices and I appreciate your understanding.

So here we go... Several of our HS Band Members will be performing with The University of Akron Honor Band on December 7th. Come see Ann, Jeff, Sarah, Mia, and Cora perform in the All Star Ensemble. Concert this Monday at 7:00. Please remember minimal make up and jewelry. Also, students will be performing during the day at Frosty's. The students are signing up now and I will post a schedule.

Solo & Ensemble Chili Dinner will be January 10th. Start times will be determined before break. We will be having the event in the cafeteria this year to accommodate the quicker turn around for the actual event. Times for S&E at Massillon will be distributed as soon as I know them. Please get there early as there are a LOT of events at Massillon.

Make sure to stay up on the New York trip payments. There isn't one this month and the Boosters will be making another payment towards the trip. The amount is to be determined by our fundraising. Room assignments for the students have been chosen and we will be putting together the Chaperones rooms this week.

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 Rindquist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.