

September 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to

## **Sixth Grade Band!!**

This is a very exciting time for beginning band members. We will be performing 5 times through out the year. You will be amazed how quickly your son or daughter will learn pieces that you will recognize and enjoy.

Beginning band students earn a grade based on the following criteria:

1. **Practice Charts**: By the end of next week, your child's class schedule should be established as well as a home routine. Routines are **vital** to establishing good practice habits.

Grades:

**These qualify a student for the letter grade they earn.**

**A:** Practice chart turned in on time, signed, with required minutes.

**B:** Practice chart turned in on time, signed with less than required minutes.

**C:** Practice chart **NOT** turned in or late.

2. **Concert Attendance**: This is an **absolute requirement!!** I consider our concerts as important as a final in another class, except, they CAN NOT be made up. Note on the practice chart that I sent home today, students receive bonus points for concerts! If your child is unable to attend a concert due to an illness or family emergency, it is **required** that they bring a written, signed note from you.
3. **Concert Uniform**: The 6<sup>th</sup> grade music T-shirt is \$7.00. There is an order form on the next page. We will wear the green T-shirts with black pants, black socks and black shoes.
4. **Effort, assignments, quizzes and tests.**

Please fill out the next page and return to the **main office** by **September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year with the beginning band students at JWMS. Thank you for supporting music in our district!

Sincerely,

*Adair Sexton*

Adair Sexton, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Director

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Please log onto my web page for information through out the year!

# Please post these dates on your family calendar!

| Date              | Performer                | Time      | Audience                              | Location   |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>October 15</b> | Band and Chorus Concert  | 9:15 a.m. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr./Public            | Auditorium |
| <b>December 8</b> | Christmas Concert Lyceum | 9:15 a.m. | 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr. | JWMS Gym   |
| <b>December 8</b> | Christmas Concert        | 7:00 p.m. | Public                                | JWMS Gym   |
| <b>March 12</b>   | Music in Our Schools     | 7:00 p.m. | Public                                | R.H.S. Gym |
| <b>May 4</b>      | Band Information Night   | 7:00 p.m. | Public                                | JWMS Gym   |

Please cut off the bottom portion and return to the **main office** by **September 5, 2008**.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I already have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade band t-shirt.

\_\_\_\_\_ I ordered through Chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I need to order a shirt, I have checked appropriate size below.  
 Cost is **\$7.00** Cash or a check payable to JWMS.

| Small | Medium | Large | Extra Large |
|-------|--------|-------|-------------|
|       |        |       |             |

→ **Adult sizes!!!** ←

We have put the **concert dates** on our family calendar. We understand that **attendance is required** at these concerts and that band students must wear the 6<sup>th</sup> grade **music uniform** shirt (black pants, black socks and black shoes). **We also understand that the Practice Chart is the qualifying factor in our students' grade.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_