

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

I am here to tell you and your child about the new, great opportunities they will have as they venture to the middle school. Those opportunities are **BAND** and **CHORUS**. Participating in these activities will give your child experiences that they will not be able to acquire anywhere else.

There are some misconceptions about both of these programs. There is little to no cost to be in band. You have to opportunity to rent a new instrument, but there are also school owned instruments to be used for free. For both band and chorus there is never any after school rehearsal; so, no sport activities will conflict with either of these programs.

All bands are led by Mr. Brady. To be in Beginning Band there are no requirements! No prior musical experience is needed. The middle school and high school bands have had some extremely huge accomplishments the past couple years. The middle school and the high school both received distinguished ratings in every caption at concert festival this year, and the marching band, which included about 25 middle school students, were invited to Disney World to play in the spring of 2016. The marching band also performed at WKU, EKU, and UofL stadiums in STATE FINALS the past FIVE years. Band is hard work, but it has now become one of the most successful competitive groups that Anderson County has to offer. So if you want to be a part of excellence, look no further.

The middle school choirs are led by Ms. Guth. In choir, we learn the basics of singing and how to read music. We do work hard, but make choir fun as well! This year, the choirs traveled to Oldham County to perform for the Kentucky Music Educators Association Choral Festival, where they have scored a distinguished rating every year, a tradition we will work on continuing in the coming years! Both programs (Band and Choir) give 2 concerts per year - one in the winter and one in the spring. Ms. Guth has two requirements of those who wish to be in choir: You must enjoy singing and be ready to work as a team! Students will sometimes be required to sing alone in front of others to check on progress in class. You do not have to have the best voice in the world or be good at reading music; being in choir will help you gain skills to become a good musician!

The back page contains the actual sign-up form that will need to be returned to school with your child. You will have to choose between Band, Chorus, or Enrichment. If you are selecting choir, you must get your elementary school music teacher to sign off that you would be able to handle the responsibility of choir at the middle school. There is a space provided for their signature. If you have any questions please contact any of us! Thanks.

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# Anderson Middle School

The end of the year is quickly approaching and it is time to begin making plans for the upcoming year. Each year students are asked to make a decision regarding the selection of enrichment classes. Of our enrichment classes, band and chorus are scheduled for the full year; all other enrichment classes are scheduled every nine weeks. Other than band and chorus, enrichment courses are randomly chosen and pre-selection of these classes is not an option. If your child chooses **not** to participate in band and/or chorus, they will be scheduled to participate in 8, nine week enrichment classes. These classes **may** include: Spanish, language arts lab, careers, art, physical education, practical living enrichment, encore/rti, literacy enrichment, science enrichment, social studies enrichment, and/or music.

If your child is considering band as an option for next year, please remember that participation in this class may require your student to purchase or rent an instrument as well as attend an evening concert. (School owned instruments are available on a limited basis)

**We look forward to starting off to a great new school year in 2017 ☺**

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Remember, band and chorus are a full year class ☺

\_\_\_\_\_ **Band and Chorus** \_\_\_\_\_ (music teacher initials for choir)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Band and Enrichment Rotation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chorus and Enrichment Rotation** \_\_\_\_\_ (music teacher initials for choir)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Enrichment Rotation only**

**Student's name**

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(First) (Last)

**Grade during the 2017/2018 school year**

6<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup>

**Student's signature**

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**Parent/guardian signature**

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Any further questions about the scheduling process email [rachel.baker@anderson.kyschools.us](mailto:rachel.baker@anderson.kyschools.us)