



IMPORTANT BAND “NOTES” For our Soon-to-Be GATOR BAND STUDENTS 2017-2018



FOX VALLEY BAND CAMP – July 24-28

Again this year, the Fox Valley Band Camp will be held at Appleton North High School. The week long camp will run July 25-29 (8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.). The camp is open to students with a minimum of two years of playing experience. This music opportunity is being offered for a registration fee of only \$20 for the entire week. The registration information can be found online through the Appleton Area School District.

J. R. Gerritts SUMMER BAND - AUGUST 7-10

The 7th grade **BAND CAMP** will be held at **JRG Middle School** on August 7-10. Classes will meet daily. (See schedule below.) Be sure to review the first several pages of Book 2.

1. **Bring** your **INSTRUMENT** already in good working order. Have it checked over **EARLY** in June so it is ready for the camp days. All **woodwinds** should be brought in for regular maintenance. Pads and corks need to be checked and replaced as necessary. Have at least 3 good reeds in your case at all times.
2. All **brass** instruments need to be working properly with all slides and valves moving smoothly. Brass horns should be chemically cleaned every other year. Be sure to have oil and a rag. All **Percussionists** will need a percussion kit with a practice pad, set of bells, mallets and sticks.
3. **Bring** a **BLACK** 3-ring binder (1”).
4. **Bring** a pencil.
5. **Bring** your “**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000 BOOK 2**” lesson book.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	9:30-10:00
Flute/Oboe	10:00-10:30
Saxophone/French Horn	11:00-11:30
Percussion	11:30-12:00
Trumpet	12:30-1:00
Trombone/Baritone/Tuba	1:00-1:30

**Times subject to change, the final schedule will be available in the summer school handbook.*

DO THIS FIRST!

Take your instrument in for summer repair and maintenance **as soon as possible** to ensure that it is done in time for school. The repair shops get very, very, very busy in the summer. **All** brass horns should be chemically cleaned and checked over at least **every other** year. **All** woodwind instruments should have the pads checked for leaks and adjustments made **every** summer.

IN-TUNE MUSIC BOOSTERS!

Parents, please become active in this organization next year. We Need You!! Meeting dates will be announced in the fall.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS!

If you have been renting a school horn this year, one has been set aside for you and will be ready for you. Rental fees are to be paid along with all JRG fees at the August registration dates.

BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL - \$120/year

The KASD has a limited number of the more expensive band instruments available for rental through the school. These instruments include tuba, baritone, bass clarinet, baritone saxophone, tenor saxophone, French horn, bassoon and oboe. The rental fee for the school year is \$120 and is included as part of the school fees payable at the beginning of the school year. There is an additional \$60 fee for summer rental. Any repairs beyond the regular maintenance will be paid by the RENTER. Also, the RENTER will surrender the instrument immediately upon the request of the instructor or proper school official if the instrument is **mistreated in any manner**. The RENTER will be held responsible for replacement of the instrument, case and accessories if they are lost, stolen, vandalized or damaged beyond repair. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STUDENT WILL SUPPLY REEDS, OILS, CORK/SLIDE GREASE, NECK STRAP AND CLEANING SUPPLIES.

PERCUSSION USAGE FEE - \$40/year

In addition to the personal equipment owned by each percussionist (practice pad/drum sticks, bells/mallets, JRG percussionists play on many pieces of school equipment including snare drums, bass drum, timpani, various cymbals, congas, drum set, and many miscellaneous percussion instruments. Each JRG percussionist is billed a \$40 Percussion Usage Fee to help with upkeep of this school equipment. In addition, STUDENT WILL BE ISSUED A STICK BAG CONTAINING TWO PAIRS OF MALLETS (hard & soft) for use throughout the school year.

JRG CONCERTS!!

Here are some of the most important dates for next year. Concert attendance is mandatory. Students are asked to dress in black and white. Boys: nice black pants, black socks, black shoes, plain white dress shirt and tie. Girls: nice black pants, a plain white top and black shoes.

Holiday Concert – Monday, Dec. 18 (all bands and choirs)

Spring Concert – Monday, May 14 or Tuesday May 22 (all bands and choirs) – The spring concert date is dependent upon whether or not KHS hosts a conference or regional track meet.

PRIVATE LESSONS!

We highly encourage all band students to seek out private instruction. Sometimes summers are the best time to do this. At school, students will only receive group instruction. Private lessons can really address the student's individual needs and help to insure that basic sound production and techniques are correct. Private lessons can help motivate students from the beginning to advanced levels.

LESSON BOOKS!

Grade 7 will continue to work in the Essential Elements 2000 Book 2. All students will need to bring in a 1-inch **BLACK** binder. Bring the black binder to our summer camp dates.

We are looking forward to having you at JRG next year! Keep practicing!

Mr. Hietpas & Mr. O'Donnell