

# OMS Band Meeting

August 21, 2025, 6:30 PM

# Español

- Si necesita esta información en español, comuníquese con los maestros por correo electrónico por favor.
- El Sr. Hearn es le español mejor lo que lo habla.

# Meet Your Directors

- Scott Kinney – 35th year teaching
  - Professional Trombone Player; Plays at Northside
  - Wife and two daughters
- John R. Hearnese – 25th year teaching
  - Percussion Composer and Arranger; Plays at Northside
  - Wife and two sons

# Instrument Selection – New to Band

- Students try instruments to find the best fit physically that matches their interest with the balance needs of the band.
- Most instruments can be rented from the music stores. Larger instruments are school-owned. More info will come home with your student.

# Instruments – Not New to Band

- If your child came from a school that gave out school-owned instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion), it is time to consider renting or purchasing a quality new or used instrument.

# Used Instruments for Sale

- We will pass on any information we receive about quality used instruments for sale.
- We will offer these to 7th and 8th grade students first, then to 6th grade.

# School-Owned Instruments

- Larger, more expensive instruments are owned by the school. Students fill out paperwork and pay a cleaning & repair fee to use them.
- New policy: Fees must be paid within a grace period window at the start of the semester or the instrument will be returned. Communication must happen within that same time if there is a financial concern.

# Rental Night – 6th Grade

- Our optional rental night is Wednesday, September 3. The directors will be at The Music Stop after school until the store closes.
- Parents are welcome to visit any of the three local music stores to compare prices.
- Concert Musical Supply is no longer renting instruments, but they are selling used instruments to get rid of old rental inventory.

# Supply List

- Please stick to the supply list. Don't substitute items without speaking with the directors.

# Band Fee

- NEW THIS YEAR: The band has a \$15 fee that comes with a free band shirt. This fee can be paid online through School Cash Online.
- You can also add additional band supplies at the same time (name tag, band book, binder, etc.).

# Band Fee (cont.)

<b>Band Fee (Includes Free Shirt)</b>	<b>\$15</b>
Binder w/ Page Protectors - All Grades	\$5
Band Book (No Drums) - All Grades	\$14
Band Book (Drums Only) - All Grades	\$19
Flip Folder (No Flute/Trombone) - 7th/8th Grades	\$12
Flip Folder (Flute/Trombone Only) - 7th/8th Grades	\$22
Lyre (Trumpet Only) - 7th/8th Grades	\$22
Lyre (Clarinet/Saxophone Only) - 7th/8th Grades	\$15
Name Tag - All Grades	\$1

# Block Schedule

- It is imperative that all students have their instruments on their band days.
- It would be best to bring the instrument to and from school each day, even on non-band days.
- Morning band still meets daily and is a good way to get in some practice time.

# After-School Commitments

- Daily homework (practice) – At least 10 minutes a night
- Honor band hopefuls should be practicing much more
- Two concerts (Dec 2, March 24) – REQUIRED

# Athletics & Clubs

- To remain in the OMS Band, all students must commit to being at the two concerts. No exceptions can be made. Any student that will not commit to the two concerts over ALL other events must be removed from the class. This includes sports, clubs, babysitting, church, play practice, etc. We can share students with sports as long as the student is here by concert time. See the directors for more information.

# Supporting Your Student

- Patience!
- Encouragement!
- Help set a practice routine.
- Seek outside resources.
- Apps: Tonal Energy, Bandmate Chromatic Tuner, Staff Wars
- Provide required materials in a timely manner.
- Be conscious of the band calendar when scheduling orthodontic appointments.

# Private Lessons

- OMS has several private teachers that teach during the school day during your student's band period. If you are interested in lessons, fill out the paperwork and a teacher will contact you.

# Paperwork

- All 7th and 8th grade students have received a band packet. Three sheets must be returned. We appreciate your help with this!
- 6th grade students will receive a packet when instruments are assigned.

# Communication

- We will email and text band updates.
- Email us at [kinneys@rcschools.net](mailto:kinneys@rcschools.net) or [hearnesj@rcschools.net](mailto:hearnesj@rcschools.net)
- Call us at 615-904-6760
- PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH US FIRST!!! The front office and guidance workers do not know anything about our program!

# Communication (cont.)

- We will be updating our website as necessary.
- Conferences by appointment.
- The county's anti-spam program may block your email. If you do not hear from us within a day, please email again!
- Please name your child in your emails!

# Pep Band

- Required for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Optional for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade can bring a note beforehand if needing to miss
- Need flip folder, lyre (some instruments), band shirt
- We need help with moving equipment!!!

# Jazz Band

- Starts after Fall Break
- Will have additional concert requirements (after the March concert, Jazz Fest in April, and more)

# OMS Drum Line – 8th and 7th Grades

- Could be an auditioned group if the interest is there.
- Starts on Thursdays after school and will move to Tuesdays after fall break (tentative)

# Percussion Fest

- March 14
- We want OMS students to attend and perform

# Honor Bands/Solo & Ensemble

- Mid-State, Mid-State Jazz, All-County, All-County Jazz – Auditions are in December
- All-Star (6th Grade) - May (nomination)
- Solo & Ensemble Festival – May (open to all)

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Nights

- Siegel High School – Oct 24
- Oakland High School – Oct 24

# 8th Grade Percussion Class – 2nd Elective

- All 8th grade band members are welcome no matter the primary instrument
- Requires sticks and practice pad
- Special concert – Apr 23 @ Oakland High

# Concession Stand Help

- Band sells concessions at all home basketball games.
- Need parent help for organization and staffing the stand.
- Organizational meeting will be set up through email and text soon.
- We sell concessions whether or not the pep band is playing.

# Help Needed

- We are selling pickles at our first GrubHub on Thursday, August 28. We need two parents to sell pickles during student lunch time, roughly 10:45-1:30. If you can help, please email Mr. Hearnese.
- If you would like to volunteer to enter information into a database for us, please email Mr. Hearnese.
- We may have some handyperson building jobs come up.

# Fundraiser

- Cookie Dough!
- Starts in January
- The band has thousands of dollars of expenses each year.

# Old Shirts for Sale

- Old pep band shirts - \$5
- Cash (in an envelope with student's name)
- Check (to OMS)

# Wish List Items

- Index cards on the stage