

# MGS BAND

# NEWSLETTER

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**Fifth Grade Band**-Please make sure your child is practicing at home. A student should try to put in at least 15 minutes a day. I don't want anyone to get behind over Christmas break!

**Sixth Grade Band**-Are you in the Christmas mood? If not, we've just what you need! The MGS Christmas concert is Thursday, 12-7-17, at 6:30 in the new grade school gym. Please have your student in the band room at 5:30. The Sixth Grade Band is also planning on having a Christmas party Thursday, December 19 during band time. If you would like to send either food, plates, napkins, drinks or cups I would really appreciate it!

**Jr. High Band**-The MGS Christmas concert is just around the corner. It will be Thursday, 12-7-17 at 6:30 in the new grade school gym. Band members should meet in the band room at 5:30. The Jr. High band will also be having their Christmas party Monday, 12-18-17. If you would like to send food, plates, napkins, drinks or cups with your student I would really appreciate it!

**Recorders**-Students will be taking their recorders home over Christmas break. Please encourage your student to perform for you. You may be pleasantly surprised! We have been working with a CD. The correct pitches and rhythms are given so that there is little question left as to how the tune sounds. It follows along with their book. An excellent Christmas gift and a great practice tool would be this CD or cassette for your student to play along with. This is a huge help to the kids and is well worth the money. The cost of the CD is \$15 and the cassette is \$10. I have already ordered several of these and have them in stock. If you are interested in purchasing either a cassette or CD, please send the money with your child as soon as possible. This way he will have it to practice with over break.

**Decorations**-We need holiday decorations to spruce up the old band room! All students who bring in decorations (they will be returned to the student after the holidays) will receive extra credit.

**Fruit Sale-**The bands and myself appreciate all the support you have given us. I would like to thank Monica Blunier for all of her help in organizing this fundraiser. I can not tell you how much it means to me to have the support of the community. You all have been GREAT!

**Jr. High Jazz Band-**This band is off to a great start. We have 30 members in this group. Our first performance will be December 7. We will be playing on the Christmas concert. Band members should meet in the band room at 5:30. Please mark your calendars.

**Jazz Band II-**Due to a great deal of interest in this area we will again form a second jazz band. This band will be the Jazz Band II. I am very excited about this group and can't wait to get started. This band will meet on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday morning. We will rehearse from 8:00 a.m. until 8:18 a.m. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but this is the time that most of can get together. If your student is interested and is having trouble coming at this time please let me know and we will work something out. If your student has to ride the bus please have them get here as soon as possible. Students need to purchase a jazz book from me as soon as possible. The cost is \$15 for brass/woodwinds and \$18 for percussion/rhythm. This is not required ensemble. It is strictly voluntary. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Pep Band-**Basketball season is upon us and this group is doing an excellent job! We will be playing at all home boys games. Students should wear their band t-shirts. If you enjoy having the band at the games, please tell the students. They work very hard and I consider myself lucky to work with such a fine group of people! Keep up the great work kids!

**Beginner's Jazz Ensemble-**Due to a great deal of interest in this area we are forming a new jazz ensemble. I am very excited about this group. This band will meet on Friday from 2:30-3. Students need to purchase a jazz book from me as soon as possible. The cost is \$13 for brass/woodwinds and \$16 for percussion/keyboard. This is not a required ensemble. It is strictly voluntary. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **MGS Band Calendar**

December 5      Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game

December 7      Jr. High Band Christmas Concert

December 12     Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game

December 18     Band Performs on Assembly

January 9	Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game
January 16	Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game
February 22	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert
April 26	Jr. High Band Spring Concert
April 27	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band to Symphony
May 3	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert