

# PRESCOTT SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is Band Recruitment Week here at Prescott South Middle School!

The advantages of being in band are numerous. Studies have shown that band helps build a student's self-confidence, develop responsibility, improve communication, strengthen social skills, and even contribute to better performance in math and other subject areas! **Most importantly, however, studying music is important because *music is important*. Music is part of being human and its role and presence in our lives is undeniable. The experiences, skills, and relationships your child will gain through band are priceless and will last a lifetime.**

Band is not only one of the largest school groups, but it is also a class at PSMS. It meets daily and has standards like any other subject. We also have required materials, one of which is an instrument. Students/parents are responsible for getting their own instrument. This can be done through rental or purchase. Unlike other classes, band has additional requirements outside the school day. Performances, for example, often take place after school and are required. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade we plan on having 5 performances throughout the year. We understand that band's time commitment/obligations can conflict with students' other interests and hobbies. We strive to accommodate for students' busy schedules, however, **a performance is a grade for our class and something that cannot be duplicated.** With *clear communication* and flexibility, **being involved in sports or extracurricular groups is *not* a problem.** *We have band students that are a part of every sport and group PSMS has to offer.*

We invite you to attend the **Future Band Member Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm** via Zoom.

**<https://zoom.us/j/91965565037?pwd=RW5sZjBtMS9NZnF0Sm9GZEtTZ3RUZz09>**

Meeting ID: 919 6556 5037

Password: **2cp14k**

At this meeting you will receive additional information about the band program and will be able to ask any questions you may have.

The new school year will be here before you know it so please discuss this great opportunity with your child. If your child would like to join the band program then please complete the registration form found at **PrescottBand.com** by next Friday, April 24th.

Lastly, **DO NOT GO BUY AN INSTRUMENT!** Next school year we will begin class with instrument placement. Students will learn what instrument they will play, what type of instrument to buy, etc...please, please, wait until the beginning of next year before making any purchase or rental.

Feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions! We are looking forward to seeing you in band!

Sincerely,

Brian Webster

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