

# PRESCOTT SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is Band Recruitment Week here at Prescott South Middle School! During this week your child will attend a band interest meeting and be given information about joining the band program. Students will have several opportunities to ask questions and see what band is like here at PSMS.

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, reading, and other areas! **Most importantly, however, studying music is important because music is important. Music is part of being human, and its importance 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 the largest school group, 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. There is always help available though - money won't stop a student from doing band! Reach out to me if you need help.

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 a student's other interests and hobbies. We strive to accommodate 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 14 at 5:30pm** in the PSMS Band Room. At this meeting you will receive additional information about the band program and will be able to ask any questions you may have. You can also attend this meeting via google meet by scanning the QR code below or visiting PrescottBand.com

Passcode: psms

The new school year will be here before you know it so please discuss this great opportunity with your child. If you would like to join the band program then please complete the attached form and **return it to Mr. Webster by Tuesday, April 21**. You can also submit the form digitally at PrescottBand.com (click the register button!).

After turning in the band enrollment form, students will go through the instrument selection process where students try instruments and discuss strengths, weaknesses, pros/cons, etc.... Most students will complete this during the school day. Once you have completed instrument selection, you will receive information about instruments, rental, purchase, brands, etc...**Please do NOT buy or rent any instruments or supplies until this process is complete!**

We look forward to making music with you!

Sincerely,

Scan to join the  
6th Grade Band Meeting!

Brian Webster



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