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18-19 VIKING BAND HANDBOOK

WHY JOIN THE VIKING BAND?

Being a part of an organization such as band is an investment in your child's future. In Texas alone there are 6 times more scholarships given for music than all athletics combined. Band is a full year course and a commitment to the high standards that are a way of life not only at your elementary school, but also at North Junior High and J.J. Pearce High School. Band can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your child's educational life. It is also a multi-year process, not a one-year fad. Students and parents need to consider personal schedules and family commitments through the coming years as you begin this educational process. While we eagerly anticipate seeing these students perform in the cafeterias of our elementary schools, we also envision them as members of the fine bands that perform in the Pearce Auditorium, the Meyerson Symphony Center, the Eisemann Center, and the football field on Friday nights!

The North Viking Band is a positive, supportive, family organization that is very special to the North students and community. A majority of North's student body participates in band. Students appreciate being a part of such a loving, encouraging environment while working hard to achieve great things. You will find that student's self-confidence and social skills increase significantly as they learn to play an instrument and eventually learn to master it!

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Dear 6th Band Student and Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to join band - We are so excited that you are becoming a member of the JJ Pearce Band Cluster Family! Learning how to play an instrument is not only extremely fun, but it also teaches many other skills that will be helpful to you later in life such as leadership, self-discipline, and responsibility. Plus, you are going to be a part of a group that has been known for its long history of excellence – the North Junior High Band! We know you have lots of questions, so please read this packet in its entirety. It's going to be an amazing year of music making with an incredible band community and family! Here is what you need to know:

MASTER CLASSES:

All 6th grade band students (excluding oboes & bassoons) are **required** to attend master classes at the beginning of our school year. In Richardson ISD, our 6th grade band classes are unique in that we have what's called "Heterogeneous Instrumental Classes". This means all the instruments are grouped together during a single class period at each elementary school. To allow every single student to be setup on his or her instrument correctly, we host mandatory master classes for each section of the band (i.e. Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpet, etc.). We hire master teachers on each instrument to teach and work with each section. Think of this as a "jump-start" to band. If you are unable to make one of the classes, please inform Ms. Fonner as soon as possible. A make-up "mini lesson" may be required.

Please refer to PAGE 5 of this packet for a detailed schedule and more details regarding master classes.

BAND FEES:

All band students will be receiving supplies from the band directors at the first master class. This includes a binder, dividers with labels, a pencil pouch, pencils, highlighter, & supplemental music handouts. In order to finance these materials as well as other yearly expenses throughout the year, students will be asked to pay an annual band fee.

Please refer to PAGE 6 of this packet for a detailed analysis regarding band fees for 6th grade band.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL:

Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, & Trombones:

Students who are playing these instruments will need to obtain an instrument from Brook Mays or another local music store. These instruments can be rented on a monthly basis by simply contacting the music store and telling them your current school, cluster (RNJH), and instrument. The instruments rented from the music store are recommended by the band cluster staff of JJ Pearce. We as music educators take instrument selection very seriously and advise and encourage parents and students to follow the recommendations of the directors to the best of their ability. A student playing on an instrument that is not of proper quality will simply result in the student becoming frustrated with their lack of success, and therefore, not enjoying band to its fullest potential. If you have a family instrument or one that you purchased elsewhere, please check with the directors to ensure the instrument will not inhibit the student in any way throughout their beginning year of band.

Please reserve your instrument as soon as possible. The closer to the first day of school, the more crowded the stores become. Because a rental contract must be signed, going in person is in your favor.

Please refer to PAGE 7 of this packet for a detailed list of recommended instruments and supplies.

Oboes, Bassoons, French Horns, Euphoniums & Tubas:

Students who are playing these instruments will obtain their instrument through RISD. These instruments in general are more expensive; therefore, they are provided by the district in order to make the rental process cheaper and more affordable. These instruments are used, but are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized each summer before entering the hands of a student in the fall. In order for these instruments to be properly cleaned, you will be asked to pay a yearly rental/cleaning fee of \$100.

Percussion:

Please refer to PAGE 7 for your required equipment and supply list.

All Students:

Every instrument has a list of supplies that either come with the instrument or must be purchased with your instrument. These supplies are items that will be used throughout 6th grade band and beyond! One of the best supply investments is the Korg Tuner and Pick-Up Microphone. This item will be used from 6th through 12th grade band.

Please refer to PAGE 7 of this packet for a detailed list of required supplies.

FINANCIAL AID FOR INSTRUMENTS:

For families who are in financial need, the band directors may be able to help you with obtaining an instrument. For instruments that are normally rented through a music store (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, & trombone), RNJH does have a few in our inventory. These instruments are set aside for any students or families who may need them. Please contact Mr. Williamson directly to discuss your options and possibilities. We do not want finances to keep a student from being involved in the band!

If you have any questions regarding your instrument rentals, please contact the music store directly. For all other questions, please feel free to contact the directors directly. We will assist you in any way possible.

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Private lessons are the GREATEST INVESTMENT you can make in your child in regards to band. Lessons allow students to receive individualized instruction on their instrument once per week with a master teacher who is recommended by RISD and the JJ Pearce Cluster Band Staff. Students who take lessons are generally 2-3 months ahead of other students. Private lessons allow students to reach their fullest potential and also allows them to be encouraged and pushed not only on an individual level but also on their own skill level. Many students wait to start lessons at the end of the 6th grade year and you will notice that this is too late!! Getting started from the beginning will ensure your child is successful and has the utmost opportunity for optimal music development.

Private lessons cost \$18 per lesson and are scheduled directly with the Private Lesson Staff. You will pay the lesson teachers directly each week. Lessons can occur before school or after school at either JJ Pearce HS, North JH, OR the private teacher's home. All scheduling and arrangements will be accommodated to fit your lifestyle and availability.

GET STARTED NOW in order to get your child an extra band jump-start and let them shine on their instrument!!

Please refer to PAGE 8 of this packet for a detailed list of recommended private lesson staff contact information.

IMPORTANT DATES / CALENDAR INFO:

Date	Time	Location	Event
8/18/18	10:00am-12:00pm	North JH Band Hall / Gym	Viking Band Meeting & Registration
12/10/18	7:00pm	North JH Large Gym	6 th Grade Band Winter Concert
5/21/19	7:00pm	JJ Pearce Auditorium	RNJH Cluster Spring Concert



2018 Master Class Schedule

**** Please read carefully as each instrument is different! ****

Instrument(s):	Date:	Time:	Location:
Flute & Trumpet	Aug 21	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 22	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 23	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 28	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 29	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 30	3:00 - 4:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
Clarinet & French Horn	Aug 21	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 22	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 23	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 28	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 29	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 30	4:30 - 5:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
Saxophone & Trombone	Aug 21	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 22	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 23	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 28	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 29	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
	Aug 30	5:30 - 6:30 pm	North JH Band Hall
Euphoniums	Aug 21	3:30 - 5:00 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 22	3:30 - 5:00 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 23	3:30 - 5:00 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 28	3:30 - 5:00 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 29	3:30 - 5:00 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
Tubas	Aug 21	5:15 - 6:30 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 22	5:15 - 6:30 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 23	5:15 - 6:30 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 28	5:15 - 6:30 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
	Aug 29	5:15 - 6:30 pm	JJ Pearce Band Hall
Percussion			

MASTER CLASS NOTES:

- **Oboes/Bassoons:** These students do not have master classes due to required summer lessons.
- **Euphoniums/Tubas:** These students only have 5 master classes but are slightly longer each day.
- **Percussionists:** Please note that you have 2 different master class times depending on the week.

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6th GRADE BAND FEES:

RISD INSTRUMENT RENTAL FEE:

*** This fee is only required for students who are renting an RISD instrument. **
This includes, but is not limited to, all Oboes, Bassoons, French Horns, Euphoniums, & Tubas.*

PAYMENT OF FEES:

The above fees will be paid to the Pearce Area Band Club, our booster club. Our band budget is operated through this organization. All fees can be paid in the form of Cash, Check (payable to "PABC"), or Money Order. All fees must be paid on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018** at **Viking Band Registration / Parent Meeting**. If you are unable to make it to this event, you may pay your fees at the first master class. If you need assistance paying you fees, a PAYMENT PLAN can be set up with Mr. Williamson. Please email Mr. Williamson with any questions or concerns regarding band fees!

ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Master Class Fee	\$15.00	Oboes/Bassoons are exempt.
Binder, Dividers, Pencil Pouch, Pencil, Highlighter, & Printed Music	\$20.00	All Students (6-8)
Band T-Shirt	\$15.00	Received in January
Music Book: Essential Elements 2000	\$10.00	Received in Binder
Annual Clinicians & Guest Artists	\$15.00	During class assistance
Festival & Travel Expense	\$25.00	Spring Trip & Bus Fee
TOTAL COST: \$100.00		
(OBOES & BASSOONS = \$85.00)		
If you are NOT renting your instrument from RISD, this is the only fee you will pay to PABC!		

ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
RISD Rental / Cleaning Fee	\$100.00	N/A
TOTAL COST: \$100.00		
If you are renting from RISD, you can combine this and your band fees in one payment to PABC. se3		



Instruments & Supplies:

INSTRUMENT	BRAND/MODEL	MOUTHPIECE	ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES
Flute	Jupiter 511 RSO Step-Up/Top Line – Teacher Preference	N/A	Silk swab, silver (blue) polishing rag, cleaning rod, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Oboe	Provided by RISD for \$100 annual fee (Limited Availability)	N/A	Reed case, silk cleaning swab, magnetic water cup w/ lid, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Bassoon	Provided by RISD for \$100 annual fee (Limited Availability)	N/A	Reed case, silk cleaning swab, magnetic water cup w/ lid, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Clarinet	Buffett E11 Step-Up/Top Line – Buffet R13	Vandoren M13 Lyre	1 Box of Vandoren 2.5 traditional reeds, reed guard, Rovner ligature, silk swab, cork grease, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Saxophone	Selmer AS400 Step-Up/Top Line – Yamaha Custom EX	Vandoren Optimum AL3	1 box of Vandoren 2.5 reeds, cork grease, reed guard, silk swab, Rovner ligature, neck strap, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Trumpet	Schmidt H300L Step-Up/Top Line – Bach Stradivarius	Bach 5B	Al Vass valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece cleaning brush, cleaning snake, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
French Horn	Provided by RISD for \$100 annual fee (Limited Availability)	Farkas MC	Rotary valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Trombone	Schmidt 547LT Step-Up/Top Line – Conn 88	Bach 6.5 AL	Trombontine, small spray bottle, selmer tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Euphonium & Tuba	Provided by RISD for \$100 annual fee (Limited Availability)	Bach 6.5 AL Conn Helleberg 120s	Al Cass valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, wire music stand, tuner/metronome
Percussion	Rolling Bell Kit (practice pad, bell kit, stand, LP-ID sticks, IP-902 mallets, stick bag)	Ask Lonestar Percussion or Brook Mays for the Richardson North JH package!	

INSTRUMENT DELIVERY: All RISD rental instruments will be delivered to your first master class! Students may not take their instrument home until after the first week of master classes to ensure that students know how to properly hold and care for the instruments. If your instrument was rented from Brook Mays, we will ensure that it is always waiting for you at the first master class!!

MUSIC STORE CONTACT INFO:

BROOK MAYS MUSIC

www.brookmays.com

972-233-9633

CAROLYN NUSSBAUM

www.flute4u.com

972-985-2662

LONE STAR PERCUSSION

www.lonestarpercussion.com

214-340-0835

- Please get your instrument reserved as soon as possible! This is the most vital and crucial part of 6th grade band. If you have any problems whatsoever, please contact the directors immediately. We are here to help you!
- All students must purchase a wire music stand in order to hold their music up at the elementary schools!
- If you are not renting one of our recommended instruments, please consult a band director to let us ensure that the instrument is of equal or better quality than what we recommend. We simply want to foster the greatest amount of success in each and every kid. A quality, working instrument is simply the beginning to their success!

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PRIVATE LESSONS!!!

Private lessons are the single greatest investment that a parent can make in their child’s musical career, especially in band! Private Lessons allow for students an uninterrupted, individualized instructed lesson from a master teacher and player of their instrument. Students who are in lessons progress through the band curriculum much faster, and with more comprehension and understanding than other students. While there are always exceptions every year, the majority of students in lessons in 6th grade tend to comprise the majority of the top 2 bands at RNJH!

Invest in your child’s education from the beginning in order for them to have the greatest opportunity for music success in band! Below is a list of private lessons teachers that are hired and recommended by the JJ Pearce Cluster Band Staff to teach our students. Please contact them directly to schedule and setup lessons.

HOW DO LESSONS WORK?

Lessons occur once a week and cost only \$18 per lesson. Lessons can either occur before school or after school at either JJ Pearce, North JH, or at the private teacher’s home. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join in on lessons and learn along side the student. When a student sees that the lessons and the instrument are important to the parents, the student usually invests more of their time into making learning a new instrument a priority. This results in a much more enjoyable experience for all!

Your weekly lesson time and location is figured out with the lesson teacher. While the band directors may be able to assist, most of the lesson process is handled directly with the lesson staff!

INSTRUMENT	LESSON TEACHER	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS:
Flute	Karen Eichinger	(214) 908-5182	karendian@hotmail.com
Oboe	Ceci Lagareene	(972) 699-9219	cecioboe@sbcglobal.net
Bassoon	Leslie Massenburg	(469) 387-7358	lesliebassoon@gmail.com
Clarinet			
Clarinet/Saxophone	Ken Miller	(972) 289-2750	ken@kenmillersaxophone.com
Saxophone	Mark Alewine	(972) 671-9578	mark@markalewine.com -
Trumpet	Abe Casellano	(972) 272-1305	abecastellano@gmail.com
Trumpet	Matt Otte	(603) 540-7239	matthew.f.otte@gmail.com
Horn	Megan Derubeis	(248) 462-9046	meganderubeis@gmail.com
Trombone	Scott Stratton	(214) 478-3398	trombone@att.net
Trombone	Jarrold Roberson	(972) 839-9684	tubajrod@sbcglobal.net
Euphonium	Jarrold Roberson	(972) 839-9684	tubajrod@sbcglobal.net
Tuba	Jarrold Roberson	(972) 839-9684	tubajrod@sbcglobal.net
Percussion	Eric Gibbons	(469) 450-6874	eric.gibbons@risd.org

** If you ever have trouble getting in contact with a lesson staff member, please contact the directors immediately to let us know. We can help! **

SIGN-UP TODAY!