

WELCOME TO 6th GRADE BAND

I am so excited that your child has expressed an interest in the band program at Greenville Middle Academy this year! After allowing each child to try their instruments of interest, we will decide which one is best suited for him/her. We offer music store rentals as well as school instrument rentals!

We are planning on doing their testing within the first few days of class during the first week of the school year. (If your student has already played an instrument in their elementary band program, please disregard the information about instrument testing and instrument rental procedures.)

I would also like to go ahead and create a Remind 101 page for our 6th grade band students and parents. In addition to the email contacts for parents, I would also like to add a cell phone contact when I set up the Remind 101 page.

Once you receive this letter, I would like for you to reply back with the following information if you are interested in registering for the GMA Band:

- Your child's name (please also let me know what name they prefer to go by)
- Email address/ addresses (please include both parents or guardians, if possible)
- Cell phone contact numbers (please include contact numbers for both parents or guardians, if possible).

There will be a parent information packet sent home with each student within the first few weeks of school. This information packet will explain how to obtain an instrument and everything you need to know about getting started in band. Please do not purchase or rent an instrument until you have received this packet, because it contains valuable information concerning instruments and supplies.

We are planning on having a virtual instrument rental night for GMA on Thursday, September 2nd from 6:00-7:00 PM. Parents may rent the instruments during this meeting or they may rent directly from our GMA online music rental store.

We will also have the online rental store set up from Monday, August 30th – Friday, September 17th for parents who would prefer the online rental option. All rentals processed at the rental meeting and through the online rental option will be delivered directly to our school. This delivery will save parents from actually having to visit our local music stores in person. I will provide updated information concerning ALL rental options during the first week of school through our 6th Grade Band Remind 101 page our 6th Grade Band Parent Group email. (Please remember to email me your parent email address and parent contact number so that I can add you to the Remind 101 page.)

Your child will be using a method book during the school year. This method book has many features. These include a play along recording link (for each student) that will be a great help with practice at home. Our band fee will include the \$10 band book fee, a \$20 band performance t-shirt fee, and a \$10 transportation fee that will be used to transport our 6th graders to a competition during the spring semester. **Therefore, our total Band Fee this year will be \$40.** Please bring a check made payable to GMA Band or \$40 cash in an envelope labeled with the student name and date. You may also pay through the MY SCHOOL BUCKS WEBSITE. **The Band Fee will be due by Friday, August 27th.**

I will send reminder information home within the first full week of school regarding our **Virtual Band Instrument Rental Night on Thursday, September 2nd from 6:00-7:00PM, the GMA online instrument rental store, as well as a Parent Information Packet (this packet is necessary when doing the instrument rental because it includes the instrument recommendation based on our testing during the first few days of school)** If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at hrizzitano@greenville.k12.sc.us.

I look forward to meeting all of our new GMA students and parents!!!

Ms. Templeton- Greenville Middle Academy Director of Bands