



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Meigs Middle School Band program! We are excited that you are interested in or have chosen to begin or continue to participate in our band program. Together, we will create a positive and rewarding musical experience through the study of a variety of music and offer a safe, FUN, and educational experience that you will remember and appreciate for the rest of your life!

The mission of the Meigs Middle School Bands is to team with parents, students, and the school to provide an atmosphere where students progress musically and academically as an ensemble while maintaining a commitment to excellence within each student. We strongly believe that music is a part of a student's comprehensive education.

We know that you will have a lot of choices for electives to take throughout your middle school career, but I want to encourage you to choose music. Your student may elect **TWO** classes which are not a part of the required core curriculum. Music classes, this includes Band and Chorus, fall into this elective category. Students can take a music class and an elective of a different type such as weightlifting or coding! Involvement in music not only furthers the development of students but enhances critical life skills that students will continue to use for the rest of their lives!

If you are wondering if your student can do band with their other activities that they are doing, the answer is **YES!!** All students can participate in the band program at some capacity, no matter what other activities or requirements they may have. However, the more you put into the band program, the more you will get out of it. The more you involve yourself as either a band or a parent, the more benefit you will see in your students and the program.

I am personally excited that you are thinking about joining the program or that you have joined it already! If you have any questions about what band does or how to get involved as a parent, please do not hesitate to contact me! I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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