



**JENISON bands**  
JENISON, MI

Dear 6th Grade Band Students and Parents

We will have our first band class at the **High School Band Room** (next to the high school pool lobby) on **Monday, August 28**. The different instruments will meet at the following times:

8:00am-10:00am: Clarinet, Trumpet  
10:00am-12:00pm: Tuba, Baritone, Trombone, Percussion, Flute  
11:30pm-1:00pm: Oboe, Bassoon

If you have rented an instrument from Meyer Music, it will be passed out at this time. If you own an instrument, make sure that it is in good playing condition. Music stores such as Meyer Music or Marshall Music do excellent work on repairing instruments. (Clarinet players that are bringing in your own instrument, try to have a reed with you. We like you to use Mitchell Lurie, strength 2-1/2. Ask at a local store and they can get this for you. If you forget, we will have reeds available for purchase!)

**Additionally, the following purchase will need to be made when you arrive and check-in at the pool lobby entrance. You can pay for this by check to JPS or cash.**

**\_\_\_\_\$10.00 This is for the Standard of Excellence Music Book that students will use as their primary source of music this year. (Due to the larger number of pages and material covered, the French Horn and percussion books are \$10.50)**

***If you are renting your instrument from Meyer Music, they will be providing music books at no cost to families. Therefore, if you are renting from Meyer Music, you do not need to bring any money to orientation!***

During our time together on August 28, we will be going over some basics. Students will learn the correct way to assemble their instrument, sitting with correct posture, holding their instrument, and hopefully making their first sounds! Additionally, we will show the students where their classes take place, locations to place their bags and cases during class, where buses drop off and pick up, and other classroom procedures. With 160 students starting in band, it is important that students understand class procedures and the basics on how to start on their instrument. If your student is unable to attend on August 28th due to family vacation, please email me.

On the next page are the schedules for the school year to help you plan ahead. **There are some changes to the original morning schedule given to families in the spring, so please read this carefully!**

Also, if you would like your child to take the bus to the HS on band mornings, the transportation department asks families to go to their website at [jpsonline.org](http://jpsonline.org). Under quick links, click transportation and from this page go to "student transportation request online form" - fill out and submit. I will be showing all students on August 28 where the bus will drop them off, how to find their way to the band room, and where the bus picks up after class is done. All students will ride the bus after morning band class back to their elementary school. The exception to this is students who do trans-math. They will go to the Jr. High after morning band class.

## Morning Band Schedules

As noted above, transportation is available to the high school in the morning by taking the JH/HS Bus. However, if you will be dropping your child off, please drop them off at the HS Pool Entrance which is right next to the HS Band Room. After band class, transportation will then take your student from the high school band room back to their elementary school. If your child is in trans math, I will show them how they will go to the Jr. High after band.

### Band Students Morning Schedule (Revised as of August 2017):

<u>Monday 8-8:40</u> Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Percussion	<u>Tues 8-8:40</u> Trumpet, Trombone Baritone, Tuba	<u>Wed 8-8:40</u> Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon Percussion	<u>Thurs 8-8:40</u> Trumpet, Trombone Baritone, Tuba,	<u>Fri 8-8:40</u> Full Band All Students
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Schedule for Orchestra Students who play Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba:

*\*You will also have orchestra at your elementary school.*

<u>Tues 8-8:40</u> Band	<u>Thu 8-8:40</u> Orchestra	<u>Friday 8-8:40</u> Band
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## Afternoon Band Schedules

In addition to the 3 morning sessions students have each week, they will also have band at their elementary school once a week in the afternoon. **If your child also participates in orchestra, they will attend orchestra at their elementary school at the beginning of the school year.** Orchestra/Band doublers will occasionally come to band class during this time slot, but Mr. Scott and I will let you and your students know when this will occur. These afternoon sessions take place from approximately 2-2:50.

Monday: Pinewood  
Tuesday: Bauerwood  
Wednesday: Bursley  
Thursday Sandy Hill  
Friday: Rosewood

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**There will be NO 6th Grade Band on the first day of school, September 5.** 6th Grade Band will begin on Wed, September 6 with the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and percussion sections. Thursday, September 7 will be the Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba students. Orchestra/Band doubling students will go to orchestra on September 7. We will see all band students September 8 for our first full band morning class!

If you have any questions regarding the school year schedule or any of the information listed in this letter, please let us know! We are so excited to get to know your child this year through band!

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