Huntsville Intermediate Band

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Dear Future Band Member,

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Huntsville Intermediate Band! We are very excited to have you as a new member of our "band family." Your child, , has been selected to play the **Clarinet** in the 2018-2019 HIS band. The following information will help you prepare for the start of the school year and the beginning of your endeavors in band.

Acceptable ***Clarinet*** Instrument Models (Do not purchase NO brand name clarinets…they do not work and constantly have to be repaired throughout the year!)

Buffet E-11 and Yamaha YCL 450

Supplies must include: Genusa intermediate mouthpiece, Rovner MKIII/C-1R ligature or Vandoren MO Series ligature, Protec reed guard, cork grease, silk clarinet swab, and 4 Vandoren clarinet reeds (strength 3 - - no other brand or strength accepted!)

Every beginning woodwind player is also expected to provide the following:

- Band Book - Essential Elements 2000 for Bb Clarinet – Book 1
- Korg TM40 Tuner/Metronome OR download the TonalEnergy App on a smart phone.
- Black 1" binder
- A pencil bag for your binder
- 1 - 2 sharpened pencils
- Highlighter
- Music Stand for at home practice

We will have a Band Instrument Drive on **Thursday, May 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm** in the 6th Grade Gym. Representatives from Music and Arts will be there to answer any questions you have about purchasing or renting an instrument. You will also be able to purchase any supplies needed and set up a rental instrument for your child that evening. Please bring a credit card and a photo ID in order to rent an instrument from them. Included in this envelope is an information letter from Music and Arts.

*****We have assigned your child an instrument that we feel is best for them based on their scores from trying all the instruments, and their top two choices that they gave us. They will be placed in a band class for the next school year based on their instrument. Once that is set, they will be put on a team just like they are this year in 5th grade. Once they are placed on a team, it will be very difficult to change band classes next year. WE MUST KNOW BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR if you have any financial issues that would prevent you from getting them the instrument they are assigned. For us to determine this, please make every effort to come to the drive on May 17th. Once the school year starts, we will not be able to switch them to another possibly more affordable option.*****

Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail the band office if you have any questions or concerns about the band program. We look forward to working with you next year!

-The Huntsville Intermediate Band Staff