KSD 140 BEGINNING BAND PARENT NIGHT

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Grissom Middle School

(169th Street and 80th Ave.)

All Beginning Band Members and Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents and 5th Grade Band Members,

Join us at Grissom Middle School for an exciting evening as students dive further into the District 140 Band program. Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Angelos, and Mr. Szczasny will present a lesson to parents and students while covering key topics including: daily instrument care, instrument maintenance, producing a quality sound, and daily practice procedures. There is no "special dress" as this is not a concert. **Students will need to bring their instrument, band method book, "Essential Elements", and a pencil.** Parents will see what their young band member has been learning and how he/she should be practicing at home daily. The session will end with the band directors demonstrating each of the instruments.

There will be two sessions on Wednesday, November 9, at Grissom Middle School. Please meet us in the Commons (lunch room).

- 1.) Parents and band members should attend the first session from 6:30 7:15 PM if their child plays FLUTE, TRUMPET, or PERCUSSION (Bells and Drums).
- 2.) Parents and band members should attend the second session from 7:30 8:15 PM if their child plays ALTO SAX, CLARINET, or LOW BRASS (Trombone and Baritone).

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DIRECTOR IF YOU ARE <u>UNABLE</u> TO ATTEND.

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BEGINNING BAND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES

REMINDER ... REMINDER ... REMINDER ... REMINDER

Starting the week of November 6, 2023, each beginning band member will be required to attend **ONE** after school rehearsal per week, according to the following schedule:

Mondays

Location: Grissom Middle School Band Room

Time: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Drop-off / Pick-up: Door 8 (by flag pole)

PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR 5:15 PM PICK UP.

Tuesdays

Location: Prairie View Middle School Band Room

Time: 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Drop-off / Pick-up: Main Entrance

PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR 5:15 PM PICK UP.

If you are unable to attend on your designated day, or your schedule changes during the year, YOU may choose the day that best fits into YOUR schedule.

Please follow the Beginning Band calendar closely at https://www.ksd140.org/band/beginning-band.