



## Milwee Middle School Band

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Welcome MLMS Band Students and Parents!

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Welcome Back! I am really looking forward to this year. The MLMS Band has been thriving and growing the last few years and many great things are ahead of us: we have wonderful beginners who are joining the band this year, a Superior Symphonic and Jazz Band, Middle School Night, MPA, concerts, and many more exciting events.

### Beginning Band Members

During the first two weeks of school, Beginning Band will be fitted for instruments during class. At this time, please do not make any instrument or book purchases. Important information about purchasing/renting instruments as well as what to expect from being in band will be given out during our **Beginning Band Parent Meeting, Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.** Please plan on having a responsible adult present with your child at this meeting.

### Returning Band Members

On the first week of school, returning members will be signing up for lockers, receiving music, and much more. Please bring instruments and supplies, Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. A very important meeting for all returning members will take place on **Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the cafeteria.**

### Communication

1. Skyward (Official grading, attendance, and communication)
2. eCampus (Course work, syllabus, this handbook, assignments, etc. may be found here)
3. Website: [milweeband.weebly.com](http://milweeband.weebly.com) – important updates and information about the program
4. Remind 101 – Please send a text message to “81010” with the message “@milweeband” to receive important text messages concerning upcoming dates/meetings, rehearsal and concert reminders, and other updates that need to be sent.

### Materials Needed

Every student in band should have the following materials by the 2nd week of school:

1. 1” 3-ring binder (preferably black!)
2. Sheet protectors (around 30 sheets per band)
3. Pencils (pencil bag highly recommended for pencil, extra reeds/value oil, etc.)
4. Instrument and supplies\*

\*\*Beginning Band members will be going through an instrument fitting process. After this process, we will have a meeting to help you get the right instrument for band.

### Things to Return to the Band Room

Band students will be receiving important forms to help us get a jump start to our year. We ask that parents and students fill out and return the **Band Check List** and the **Band Handbook Contract** by **August 31st.**

I am really looking forward to this year. YOU are what makes this Band great. YOU are the ingredient to our success!

Musically Yours,  
Mr. Joshua Autrey  
MLMS Band Director