



J.T Hutchinson Middle School Band

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Dear Future Band Members and Parents,

In order to prepare for the upcoming year, we will be holding instrument interviews to help students select the instrument they will play. These interviews will be held on **Friday, May 20th from 4:30pm-6:30pm** and **Saturday, May 21st from 9:00am – 12:00pm** in the Hutchinson MS Band Hall (located at the back of the school next to the tennis courts). Students will have the opportunity to try any instrument they are interested in playing. This event is come and go and you may arrive at any time.

Choosing the instrument that is the correct physical match for your student is a very important first step to ensuring success in band. Higher achievement is much more likely when students are paired with their best match. This will lead to a greater enjoyment of band and music.

To help us get better acquainted with your student please bring a copy of their most recent progress report or report card.

Proper band instrumentation is also an important consideration when choosing instruments for all our students. Balanced instrumentation will provide our program with the foundation for success for years to come. For this reason, certain sections will have a limited number of spots available.

Representatives from local music stores, Jent's and Tarpley's, will be on hand to answer questions about the instrument rental process and take instrument reservations. They will deliver the instruments to school once each class is prepared for that step. We highly recommend that you deal with these companies as they provide quality instruments. If you choose to go another route, please consult with us prior to renting/purchasing.

These interviews are a very important part of our preparation for the coming year and it is imperative that you attend one of these sessions. If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, please feel free to email so that we can set up an alternate time to interview your student.

We look forward to meeting all of you during this event.

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