



## BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Band Parents/Guardians,

We welcome you and your child to one of the most exciting and rewarding educational ventures our schools have to offer – BAND! Those of us who have chosen careers in this field have found many rewards which may not be apparent when one first considers, "Why Should I Be In Band?"

Recent statistics prove that young people who participate in music are among the academically strongest in their schools. They also have higher SAT score averages than their fellow classmates. Their adult lives are filled with the successes which are a direct result of their band experience: self-discipline, group cooperation, high self-esteem, understanding teamwork, and developing a sense of persistence and performance confidence. Band can provide this foundation for your child.

As your child progresses in his or her understanding and command of the instrument, you will see how this same desire for excellence applies to every subject in school and serves as a training ground for dealing with many aspects of adult life.

The opportunity to enjoy a new level of communication and self-expression is the goal for every young musician. Creativity is within all of us, and music serves as a perfect vehicle to allow this personal growth and development.

For you, the chance to become involved is a bonus. We all know the importance of supporting our children in whatever they choose in life. You are encouraged to work with your child to share in this exciting learning process. Much can be said with music that is impossible to say with words.

Welcome to the world of music in the enjoyment of art!

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## DAYS YOUR INSTRUMENT IS NEEDED IN SCHOOL:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>BAND!</b>		<b>BAND!</b>	
<b>Flute</b> Lesson	<b>Clarinet</b> Lesson	<b>Saxophone</b> Lesson	<b>Trumpet &amp; Trombone</b> Lesson	<b>Percussion</b> Lesson

shade in your specific lesson day

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### 2014/2015 CONCERT DATES - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

all students are required to attend these events

#### **“Window Into the Classroom” Concert**

Thursday, November 20, 2014  
(same day as PT Conferences)  
5:30 PM – BMMS Gym  
(students report at 5:00)

#### **Winter Concert**

Thursday, January 22, 2015  
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium  
(students report at 5:30)  
snow date: Thurs. Jan. 29

#### **All-Town Band Concert**

Thursday, March 12, 2015  
7:00 PM – BHS Gymnasium  
(students report at 6:00 PM)

#### **Spring Concert**

Thursday, May 28, 2015  
6:30 PM – BHS Auditorium  
(students report at 5:30)

#### **Elementary School Tour**

Friday, May 29, 2015  
Entire school day field trip  
Macy, Stallbrook, & South Elementary Schools

# FREE WEBSITES TO HELP AT HOME

## **[WWW.BASICBAND.INFO](http://www.basicband.info)**

I made this site and filled it with videos for each instrument that reinforce the classroom lessons for the first few weeks of school. They are meant for both students AND parents. It correlates to the binder all students use in class. Since I created it last year, it has been picked up and used by many educators across the country and by English speaking schools in South Korea and China.

## **[WWW.ESSENTIALELEMENTSINTERACTIVE.COM](http://www.essentialelementsinteractive.com)**

This site correlates with the lesson book all students use. You can make a FREE account by using the code printed in your book. This lets you play with several background tracks for every line of music in your book as well as hear a professional perform it on your instrument (*very* helpful!). There is also a host of videos about your instrument.

## **[WWW.BELLINGHAMMUSIC.ORG](http://www.bellinghammusic.org)**

Our Music Department's website. All information is there: concert dates, news, announcements, updates, etc.

## **[WWW.EDMODO.COM](http://www.edmodo.com)**

Just like other classes, all of my homework assignments and band recordings are posted on Edmodo. All of your students have an account.