

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF CRANDALL ISD

Greg Hamilton, *Middle School Band Director*

Dear Beginner Band Parent,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Crandall Band Program. We are extremely excited about our incoming beginner class. We look forward to providing a fantastic music experience for your child.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, we will hold our annual Crandall Band Instrument Drive. This is a great opportunity for you to purchase or rent your child's instrument, book and supplies if you haven't already done so. The event will be held in the Middle School Band Hall (located beside the HS football field) from 4 PM to 7 PM. McKay Music Company will be on hand to answer all of your questions about instrument needs.

Please note the important information and dates below. Feel free to call us with any questions.

- Students playing flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet or trombone will provide their own instrument.
- Students playing horn, baritone or tuba will have their instrument provided by the school. These students must buy their own mouthpieces.
- McKay music will have instruments and mouthpieces on hand for purchase or rent on the 4th.
- All students must purchase a band book. (McKay music will have books available on the 4th) The required book is:

Essential Elements Book 1

Hal Leonard Corporation

- All students will need access to a tuner and metronome
- All students must have their instrument and books by Monday, **September 10, 2018** unless previous arrangements have been made with a band director.
- Percussion student needs are different. Mr. Welch will have separate information for all percussion students.
- There is a \$35 fee to be in band. The band fee covers a student's band shirt, reeds, oils, equipment usage and basic repairs. The fees are reduced for students that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

For the next two weeks, we will spend our time without instruments learning to read pitches and rhythms. This preparation will allow us to move fast once all students have instruments in hand.

We look forward to providing your student with a wonderful experience in our program.

Thank you,

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