

# BAND at FIS!

Dear Parent:

At Fayetteville Intermediate School, your child has the opportunity to enroll in beginning band. The beginning band program that your child can now participate in is one that is of great benefit to many students. Below are the components of the program.

1) **RECORDER CLASS...** involves learning to read music and learning to play a simple musical instrument and lasts for about eight weeks. The benefits of this introduction are numerous. First, you will be able to find out if your child has the ability, the discipline, and the desire to play a musical instrument. The child will find out what music and band are all about, while at the same time, the amount of hard work that I expect. Your cost for the recorder and book is \$10.00. With this small investment, you will obtain the information necessary to decide if your child should continue into the next phase of band.

2) **BEGINNING BAND** ...will then continue with those students who are interested in continuing in band. From this point on, you and your child will have to make a commitment to remain in band until the last day of school, and **will not be allowed to quit.**

3) **BAND IS HARD WORK!** I would be misleading you if I told you otherwise. Many students have the impression that being in band is all fun and not much work, only to find out later that it takes a great deal of effort to be a good band student. Please consider the following:

- a) Students with a history of difficulty in academic work may have trouble with band.
- b) Students with discipline problems do not succeed in band. In order to have a good band, strict discipline is required. Disruptive students make progress impossible.
- c) Homework is twenty minutes of practice daily.
- d) Students have to provide their own instrument, however rental with the option to buy makes this feasible for most students. The county owns large instruments that can be borrowed for both Band Class and Recorder Class, where there is a need.
- e) Involved parents are very important to the success of a band student. Repeatedly I find that the best students are being encouraged (sometimes in a firm manner) to practice at home daily.

The RECORDER CLASS will start Thursday, August 20, 2009. The class meets every day during Specials, except on days of P.E. Students should join by bringing the following form **in an envelope** with a check or cash. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FAYETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.**

I hope this information has been helpful. I look forward to working with you. Please email me with questions at rhoden.myra@fcboe.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Myra K. Rhoden  
Band Director

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Please fill out this form, using the numbered instructions to complete the procedure and enroll your child in **RECORDER CLASS**.

- 1) COMPLETE the form.
- 2) Make check or money payable to **FAYETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**. The book is \$5.00 and the recorder is \$5.00. If you need both, please enclose \$10.00. Cash or check is O.K.
- 3) Place form and money in an **ENVELOPE**. I will not be able to accept loose money or forms. It is too confusing with the number of students involved.
- 4) Seal the envelope and print your **CHILD'S NAME** and their **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE TEACHER'S NAME** on the outside.
- 5) Have your child bring it to school August 17 – 20, 2009 and give to his/her 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Only students who have turned in the proper forms in an envelope will be allowed to come to **RECORDER CLASS** in August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDING NEXT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND YOUR ORDER. **EVERYONE NEEDS TO ORDER THE BOOK**. ONLY THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE NEED TO ORDER A RECORDER.

ENCLOSED IS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ BOOK(S) AND \_\_\_\_\_ RECORDER(S).  
(Number) (Number)