



Welcome to 5th Grade Band!

Fall 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back! I am excited for a music-filled year at GCES! I am writing to:

1. Encourage your student to continue band in 5th grade if they played in 4th grade.
2. Invite students who are new to GCES to continue in band if they played at their old school.
3. Invite any 5th graders to join the band if they did not participate in instrumental music last year.

Advanced band students are expected to continue on the same instrument they played in beginning band, unless they have confirmed with Mrs. Pretzello (for example, switching from clarinet to bass clarinet or alto sax to tenor sax).

Fifth grade band instruments are flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, alto and tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. Beginning fifth graders should note that not all instruments will be available. You can view pictures and videos of all instruments on the new GCES band website. I am looking forward to a great year of music at Gorman Crossing!

Register for band online, at the GCES Band Website ~

>> <https://GCESbands.weebly.com/> <<

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Thursday, September 13 - 12-12:30** - 5th grade band class (no instruments needed)
- **Sunday, September 16 - band registration due (online)**
- **Tuesday, September 18 - 12-12:30** - 5th grade band class (bring instruments and materials)
- **Winter Concert:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7:00 pm @ GCES (students arrive at 6:30pm)
 - SNOW DATE - Monday, December 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm @ GCES
- **Spring Concert:** Tuesday, April 9, 2018 - 7:00 pm @ GCES (students arrive at 6:30pm)

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please do not hesitate to email or call. I can't wait to make music with your student this year!

Sincerely,



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