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Dear District 92 Band Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Oak Prairie Bands! We are very excited to have you join us. While the District is currently working on finalizing accommodations for instruction, we wanted to reach out to you to let you know that we are working diligently to provide your children with an engaging and high quality music education throughout the pandemic.

Once your child receives their schedule, please visit this page to complete **Band Registration**.

6th Grade Parents: We are very excited to have your child joining us in the District 92 Band Program. Please don't worry, we are all starting out new with instruments. We will spend the first two weeks exploring the different instruments and timbres. On Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27, Quinlan and Fabish will be here to help students tryout and select instruments. Remember that all instruments are important to the band - just like every position on a team is important for the overall success of that team. Our instrument sign-up night is Tuesday, August 31 in the Oak Prairie Cafe. Quinlan and Fabish will be here to rent instruments for students. If finances are an issue for your family right now, please contact us and we will find a way to provide your child with an instrument for use. We want your child to be successful and having a quality instrument to start with is key to success!

All students will have opportunities to work in smaller ensembles on a variety of music. Although our performances this year may look a bit different than in past years, we do plan to utilize collaborative learning projects to showcase our students musical talents. Social Emotional Learning will be integrated into instruction as we focus on developing skill, knowledge and affective outcomes, afterall band is like a family at Oak Prairie.

6th Grade students will begin with the <u>Tradition of Excellence Book 1</u>.
7th & 8th Grade students will use the Measures of Success Book 2, which gives students access to play along files and has been written in a Comprehensive Musicianship style. *Measures of Success Book 2* will be available to students through the school for \$9. Again, if finances are an issue, please contact us directly and we will make sure that your child has the supplies they need for band classes.





As details for the upcoming school year are still very fluid, please know that we are 100% committed to ensuring the safety of your children. If you have any reservations about the class at this point, please do not hesitate to contact us to see how we can accommodate your concerns. Please know that we will always welcome your children into our classes; once my student, always my student.

Sincerely yours,

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