

MCMS BAND NOTES

The Tradition Begins

Thank YOU!!

We just want to thank everyone for a great year in spite of how it ended. We would have never have guessed that our year would have been so up ended, but the time we did have together was incredibly special. Dr. Raiber is especially grateful for time he got to spend with the 8th grade students. We did not even get a full year together, but the impact of these students on the band program at Central was tremendous. They set an incredibly strong foundation for our future and will forever be the first 8th grade band members at MCMS. They are a very special group of students and will be tremendously missed. We look forward to the great leadership of our returning 7th grade students who must now take the reins and move the program into the future. This will be a big task given the circumstances of this year, but we have no doubt that MCMS bands are in great hands with these wonderful students!! We are looking forward to a great 2020-21 school year.

Instrument Return and Pick Up May 13 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM

If your band student is enrolled for band next year, they **DO NOT** need to return their school-owned instruments at this time. Please keep them over the summer. Practice them. Love them. Keep them company. If your band student is going to the high school, they will return their instrument when they get their instrument from the high school in August. If they are returning to Central we will reissue instruments in August. If your band student is not enrolled in band for next year they do need to return school-owned instruments. You should have received an email from Dr. Raiber with instructions. If you have not received that email and you need to return a school instrument, email Dr. Raiber (raiberm@mustangps.org). If you need to get a personal instrument that is still in the band room, email Dr. Raiber and he will send you details on how to get your instrument. **There are strict protocols on how to return or pick up an instrument. Please read those carefully in the emails you receive**

Final Projects

Any student can complete any of the three projects on Google Classroom between now and 4:00 PM on May 13th.

Project 1 -
SmartMusic
Assignment

Project 2 -
Compose your
quarantine melody

Project 3 - BANDO!
Like Bingo but more
fun!!

Some of the materials from these projects have been amazing!! We have great students in band at Central.

CODA Band Auditions and Online Help Sessions

The Central Oklahoma Directors Association (CODA) band auditions will be in November. Students who are selected for these bands receive a great honor and get to play a concert on campus at the University of Oklahoma in January 2021. Many of our students at Central would have an excellent opportunity to do very well at these auditions by working on their audition music over the summer. Information and music is posted on Google Classroom (<https://classroom.google.com/w/NDA4NTAxNDI4MzVa/tc/OTUyMzA1Nzc3NTFa>). Dr. Raiber is offering **free video help sessions** over the summer. All you need to do is email him (raiberm@mustangps.org) and he will schedule a time to meet with your band student to work together online. All of Dr. Raiber's travel plans for the summer have been cancelled and he would love to spend his summer teaching students and preparing them for great auditions. Help him not go crazy this summer :-).

Clarinet and Saxophone Summer Private Lessons

Ms. Little has taught many of our students at Central this past year and has done an amazing job. Please consider studying with her this summer from the comfort of our own home.

Summer Woodwind Lessons


Who: • Rebecca Little, ECU Adjunct Professor of Woodwinds


What: • Saxophone & Clarinet Lessons

Where: • Online!

When: • Afternoon appointments starting June 1st

Why: • Improve Skills
• Stay musically "in-shape"
• Prepare for CODA Band
• Have Fun!





Rates & Options

Rates:

- \$30 for full hour
- \$20 for half hour

Platforms:

- Facetime
- Zoom

Payment Methods:

- Venmo
- Apple Pay

Contact Information:

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