



MERIDIAN EARLY COLLEGE

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Parents of Fifth Graders,

Your child was given the opportunity to try instruments for our Fifth Grade Band at the beginning of last week. We will be having a parent meeting for any family interested in more information about our Fifth Grade Band and how our class will operate **TOMORROW EVENING** (Thursday, September 10th).

Our Fifth Grade band program meets during the school day (after lunch). Students will attend band 3 days a week and continue in their rotations for PE, Art, and Drama on the opposite days. **ALL STUDENTS IN BAND WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ALL FOUR ELECTIVES DURING THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.** In addition, all instruction takes place during the school day and will not conflict with sports practices and events. Did you know that over 85% of our band students in the high school are involved in extra-curriculars and sports? **YOU CAN DO BOTH** – and most of our students take advantage of these experiences.

Again, we will be holding the informational parent meeting tomorrow, **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th at 7 pm** via Zoom. A link will be available on the [MJHS website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for your convenience as well. We will also have a link on the band website: www.meridianbands.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89807778822?pwd=WFZ5S3kydFE0WUVvT082UkJackFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 0777 8822

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During this meeting we will outline how band class operates with our safety protocols, the daily schedule, instruments for your child, and other information relevant to this opportunity for your child. We are excited to have the chance to provide this experience to our young musicians!

Fifth Grade Band will begin on **Monday, September 14th** during 4th hour. Your child will **NOT** be required to have an instrument by this date. We will provide information during the meeting on how you can take advantage of a local instrumental rent-to-own options, or how to find a *quality* used instrument for your child.

Sincerely,

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