



BRAINERD BAND

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Freshman Band Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another great year in the Brainerd Band department! Mr. Fogderud and I trust that your summer has been restful and relaxing, and also hope that you were able to play on your instruments at least a *little*! We have a great year planned, including four concerts, solo & ensemble contest, honor bands and more! Below is a list of all of the performance dates for the year, please mark these dates on your calendar as each student is expected to attend each performance.

As we near the beginning of the school year, now is a great time to stop in at Bridge of Harmony, or Eckroth Music to have your instrument looked over and to pick-up any needed supplies. Musical instruments, just like cars and other precision mechanisms, should be looked over each year to larger, often more costly, repairs in the future. Listed below you will also find a list of recommended supplies for each instrument. The most important supply being the method book that we will be using this year **Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development for Intermediate Concert Band** (for most instruments the cost is \$8). Beginning in 9th grade all the bands have the same **performance uniform** (**Men:** black pants with black socks, black dress shoes, black long sleeve button up shirt with a black tie. **Women:** floor length black dress or black pants with a black blouse with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves). Many students are able to use the same concert clothes for 2-3 years (depending on when they hit their growth spurt!). Check now at the back to school sales to strike a bargain and be prepared for our first concert!

2014-2015 Performance Dates

Oct 30 Fall Concert

5th Period Band @ 6:00 p.m.

6th Period Band @ 7:30 p.m.

Dec 11 Holiday Concert (7:30 pm)

6th Period Band @ 6:00 p.m.

5th Period Band @ 7:30 p.m.

Mar 2 Winter Concert (7:30 pm)

5th Period Band @ 6:00 p.m.

6th Period Band @ 7:30 p.m.

Apr 22 Large Group Contest (All-Day)

Alexandria

May 15 Spring Concert

6th Period Band @ 6:00 p.m.

5th Period Band @ 7:30 p.m.

Supplies

Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development for Intermediate Concert Band*

Blue Juice (valve oil)

Slide 'O Mix (trombone slide mix)

Percussion - Fully stocked stick bag (snare sticks, yarn mallets, rubber mallets)**

Most of all welcome back, we are very excited for this year and to share it with all the great students in the Brainerd Band!

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* The book does come in parts (1st CL, 2nd CL etc.) please purchase the part that you primarily played last year. This will not influence placement this year.

** Bridge of Harmony and Eckroth music have pre-stocked kits set up specifically for BHS percussionists