



Band Department

Herndon Middle School

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Dear Band Parents,

Welcome to the *Spirit of Herndon Band!* I am very excited that you and your child have chosen to be a part of one of the finest programs in Fairfax County. We have a very active department, and there is a place for everyone. I know that you will enjoy participating in all of our activities. Please don't hesitate to contact me at SJBonneau@fcps.edu if you have a question or need further clarification.

Your child has received important information concerning our policies in the band department. Everything you need to know about our department can be found in the Herndon Middle School Band Department Handbook. After you have read the handbook, please complete the Band Handbook Form and have your child return it to class, along with the other forms in this packet, no later than Monday, September 12, 2011. ***Students must return all forms before a band locker is issued or a ticket is given to the Ice Cream Social, so it is in their best interest to return them right away!***

Parents of Symphonic and Concert Band members: There is an activity fee of \$25.00 due by October 3rd. This fee will cover the cost of the band t-shirt (required for the spring competition), as well as a tux shirt / bow tie / cummerbund usage fee. Symphonic Band will wear red bow ties and cummerbunds, and Concert Band will wear black bow ties and cummerbunds. Please make your check for \$25 payable to: H.M.S. Band Parents Association.

The annual meeting of ALL BAND PARENTS will take place on September 14th in the HMS band room at 7 pm. At this meeting I will give you an overview of the middle school band program, as well as answer any questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing you there!

I invite you to join us in helping to continue the tradition of musical excellence here at H.M.S. We have MANY opportunities for parents to support our program. Parent involvement is VITAL to our success. *Any amount* of time, effort, or expertise that you can offer is needed and welcomed. I urge you to become involved by supporting our active program. You will have fun, and it is truly a rewarding experience. To those of you who are already volunteering – THANK YOU!

Together, we can make this a great band year and continue a proud tradition. I look forward to working with your children and to seeing you soon!

Musically Yours,

Sharon J. Bonneau

Director of Bands
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