

Thomas E. Wiegman Beginning Band2017-2018

Welcome Letter

Dear Beginning Band Member and Parents,

Welcome to Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Band program! Thank you for taking a brief moment to review some important information that could have a lasting impact on the future of your child. All parents interested in providing the most valuable opportunity for their children; these next few sentences will help you in that extremely important goal.

Research shows the study of music is one of the most effective tools to improve learning throughout a child's academic curriculum. Each year T.E.W.M.S offers the chance for all middle school students to participate in band. I'm very excited about our band program and eagerly look forward to this new group of emerging young artists who will make up this year's class of talented musicians.

A little bit about me, I am a native from Tampa, Florida. I began playing the trumpet at the age of ten. I received my formal training from Blake High School of the Performing Arts, and the illustrious Bethune Cookman University. After receiving my Bachelors I taught as the Head Band Director at schools across Florida. I recently received my Masters in Music Education from Florida State University in Music Education. Outside of teaching my love for music continues on. I am a part of the well-known band The Distinguished Men of Brass. We were featured on the television show America Got Talent. As a result of our appearance on tv we were invited to perform all over the country.

The first couple of weeks your child will be introduced and given the opportunity to try all of instruments. The instrument that your child plays will be based off of an evaluation by me and preference from your child. There are many factors that will lead to the success of your child while picking the best fit instrument. With commitment and my guidance I will assure that your child will be successful.

I have enclosed the Band Hand Book, and many other forms that need to be completed. Please sign and return all forms and dues no later than 8/18/17.

Thank you for your time as we prepare to begin what is sure to be a fantastic musical journey with your child. I look forward to the chance to help each student grow artistically and perform in the musical spotlight. Please don't hesitate to call or email. I can be reached at 813-794-0350 or via email doscott@pasco.k12.fl.us

Musically Yours,

Donald Scott
Director of Bands

Band Student Information Sheet

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle I. _____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____

Home Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Reliable Cell Phone Number for Our Classroom Remind Messaging App. (Remind app will be used for classroom announcements and direct messaging the Band Director)

Cell # _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Relationship: _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Relationship: _____

Parent or Guardian Work Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian E-mail: _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If you have a medical issues or allergies that I should be aware of, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please include them here:

Are you currently on medications that may hinder your performance in class or during a performance: Yes or No

If Yes, please list medications and potential side effects: _____

T-Shirt Order Form 2017-2018

Dear Band student and Parents,

It is essential while performing, that the band is uniformed. It is mandatory that all students purchase a band polo and band t-shirt by August 25, 2017. **Please keep in mind that shirts can be used next year. If you think your child will have a growth spurt please order ONLY one size bigger**

If you are unable financially to pay for the shirt or have any other concerns please contact me via email doscott@pasco.k12.fl.us or phone 813-794-0350.

Don Scott
Director of Bands
TEWMS

Student Name: _____

Band Class: _____

_____ T-Shirt	\$5.00
_____ Polo Shirt	\$11.00

Total: \$ _____

*Payment can be collected via the school website or put in the enclosed envelope with your child name. On the envelope please include your child first and last name, Beginning Band, and what it for.

No cash will be collected only checks or money orders.*

T-shirt (circle one)

Youth Med. Youth L. Adult S. Adult Med. Adult L. Adult X-L Adult XX-L

Polo shirt (circle one)

Youth Med. Youth L. Adult S. Adult Med. Adult L. Adult X-L Adult XX-L

TEWMS BAND INSTRUMENT SURVEY

Dear Band Member and Parent,

The next two weeks we are going to begin playing musical instruments in class. Before we can start on this musical adventure we'll have to find an instrument that is suitable for your child. There are many factors that should be considered when selecting an instrument. **First**, the student must have an interest in the instrument. The students will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with every instrument. Often a student will become intrigued with an instrument based on look, sounds, and etc. **Second**, the musician's physical features need to be considered (mouth configuration, braces, hand and finger size, and etc. **Third**, the instrument needs to be accessible. You may have access to a family instrument that has been stored in attic or closet for many years, so make sure these instruments are working properly. Those instruments may cost more to repair than they are worth. **Fourth**, please consider the cost of these instruments, I don't recommend buying an instrument for a beginning band student. Most band instrument may be rented from music stores for a nominal monthly fee and set up as a rent to own agreement. You can often save money by renting a quality used instrument. Large instruments are often cost prohibitive to rent and therefore may be available from the school. It is with this information in mind that I ask you to carefully consider three options for your son or daughter to play, and to list the reason why you select each instrument. Remember your child has signed up for beginning band and in order for this course to be successful we must balance the band with acceptable instrumentation. The same musical benefit will be derived from playing any of the instrument choices below. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or specific concerns. All students should have their instrument and book (Essential Elements 2000 book 1) by Monday September 11th.

Instrument Choices: Trumpet-French Horn- Euphonium-Trombone-Tuba
Oboe-Bassoon-Flute-Clarinet-Saxophone-Percussion

Student Name: _____ Current Grade 6 7 8 Period: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Phone (H): _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

What school did the student attend before Weightman Middle? _____

Option A. _____

Explanation: _____

Option B. _____

Explanation: _____

Option C. _____

Explanation: _____

***** RETURN THIS FORM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29,2017*****