

BEGINNING BAND

BEFORE-SCHOOL BAND REHEARSALS

STARTING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

Dear Band Parents & Students!

10/28/18

Before-school band rehearsals will begin for all 5th grade band members on Wednesday, November 7th from 7:30 a.m – 8:30 a.m. in the Glen Oaks gym. Band students from Oak Ridge and Glen Oaks will be joined together each week to create our 5th grade full band. These rehearsals are in addition to the in-school lessons the students receive during the school day at their individual schools. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday and continue through May. In February, rehearsals will be moved to Oak Ridge.

Students are required to attend these weekly morning band sessions as each rehearsal is vital to the success of our 5th grade band program. It is during this time that we will learn new skills that are essential to becoming a successful band member. This is the only time during the week that ALL district band students will be together. **Please note, parents are responsible for transporting their child to the morning rehearsals.** Please make arrangements to have your child at ALL morning practices.

Rehearsals at Glen Oaks will be in the gym. Students will need their instrument, *Essential Elements Book* and a pencil. Flute & Clarinet players will also need to bring their music stand from home. If you don't own a music stand, you may use a music stand from school.

Starting November 7th – Band Rehearsals every Wednesday morning from 7:30 am – 8:30 am at Glen Oaks - parents are responsible for transporting their child to the morning rehearsals

At 8:30, after rehearsal, students from Oak Ridge will board a school bus to take them back to their school for the start of the school day.

These rehearsals are important to your child's musical success. Please make every effort to have your child at ALL of these rehearsals! Your child cannot realize his/her musical potential without regular attendance. If your child is going to be absent from a morning rehearsal, please email me at RForlenza@npd117.net explaining the reason for the absence.

You have made an investment in your child's education by providing a musical instrument. Now that band has begun, please remember to schedule a regular practice time at home. Regular home practice and attendance at all band rehearsals and lessons will ensure that your child reaps the rewards playing a musical instrument provides.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me.

Musically,

Mr. Forlenza

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