



C.E. JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
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Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents,

Greeting from Jordan HS Band! I trust your school year is going well and you are adjusting to the rigors of 8th grade. I am excited to let you know of a very unique opportunity that we are planning up here at Jordan HS. I would like to hold an 8th grade Band night where the 8th Grade Band students from both Rogers Herr and Githens Middle Schools come up to Jordan HS for an evening rehearsal with the Jordan Marching Band. There are many reasons to hold such an evening but the most important would be to give our Middle School students an opportunity to see what the Jordan HS Band has to offer them next year and beyond. I find that many rising 9th graders are a bit surprised by the amount of opportunities the Jordan Band has to offer and unfortunately, most drop band before finding out. My goal is to have the 8th graders meet me and have a “hands on” experience with the Marching Band so they may decide to be a part of the Jordan Band Family.

I would like to hold this 8th Grade Band Night on Thursday October 22. During the month of October, we usually hold our evening practices from 330p-630p, but I was thinking of having the 8th grade students (and your parents) attend from 5p-630p. During this time, we will be showing the different sections of the band to you, the Brass, Woodwinds, Colorguard, Pit Percussion and Drumline. Each section will walk you through their normal daily routine and give you an opportunity to perform alongside them. I would ask you to learn the warm-ups that I have sent to your teachers and bring your instrument with you. We will perform these warm ups together, and then try to show you some basic marching maneuvers before finally performing our show for you! I will be more than happy to answer any and all questions you (and your parents!) may have about the Jordan Band.

I am very excited to meet you all on Thursday Oct. 22nd, and I can't wait to show you all that Jordan Band has to offer. I invite you to please look over our website and let me know if you would like our passwords for our protected areas.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely yours,

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