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GREETINGS FROM THE BRISCOE BAND DEPARTMENT

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Dear Briscoe Parents & Students,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you (back) to the band program at Briscoe Middle School! Approximately 150 students will be participating and performing in our instrumental ensembles this year, which include three concert bands, chamber ensembles, a pit band for our spring musical, and an audition-based jazz band. We're very proud of our music department and the reputation Beverly has for being a strong supporter of the performing arts in public education!

With some 75 new students – many of them 6th grade students – taking part in our band program this fall, I wanted to relay some information that might be of interest to you.

Performances given by the 6th grade band include two trips to the Beverly Council on Aging (once in December, and another in March to celebrate "Music In Our Schools" month) as well as a winter and spring concert. For the purposes of scheduling, the band is split into two sections so that each group of students can rehearse every other day during school. If a student meets for band on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday one week, they will have rehearsal on Tuesday and Thursday the week after. The two sections of the band combine periodically on Mondays after school for combined rehearsals. These important combined rehearsals are listed in our band calendar, which will be made available to you both online (www.beverlyschools.org - click on "parents" and then "music program") and in paper format by late August.

There is no fee associated with participation in the Briscoe band program, and a select number of instruments are available for rental from the school. Rental paperwork, as well as all other pertinent forms will also be available to you by the end of August in both electronic and physical formats. Whether you and your child have already determined a desire to enroll in band, or you're just interested in obtaining more information about how to do so, please stop by the band room and introduce yourselves!

I'll be in the Briscoe band room on Tuesday, August 24th and Wednesday, August 25th from 10am-2pm to assist you with questions or concerns you might have regarding the band program and the scope of the overall music department. If your schedule does not permit this, please contact me via the email address at the top of the page to schedule an alternative meeting date and time. I'm looking forward to a year of wonderful music with you and your child!

Regards,

Adam Costa