

# **Mayfield High School Bands**

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Band Students and Families,

As we all come together as a learning community in this unprecedented time I would like to take a minute to address the resources and support that will be made available to all high school band students in the coming weeks. I will be available daily from 8am-11am, during normal school days, to answer any questions and to conference with any students that need help. I ask for primary contact to be made through my email for the remainder of this week while I work to establish the best method for virtual conferencing with students. I am happy to provide any support that I am able to.

## What is the expectation for band students while we are out?

For the remainder of this week students are expected to practice the concert music that was sent home with them on Friday before they left for the weekend. Please send me an email if for whatever reason you were unable to take your instrument home with you. I ask, at minimum, that students look at the music they were given and try to practice for half an hour before the end of the week.

#### What resources will be available for band students?

Starting on Monday, March 30th, the goal is to begin posting resources to support student learning outside of the traditional band room. Warm-ups, PDF's of new music, audio recordings, and videos will be available to students via Schoology. Online conferencing will also be available through schoology.

## Will there be assignment deadlines for students?

Yes, students will have appropriate assignments due in schoology starting after spring break. Specific assignments, and modes of submission, are still being developed. I hope to make assignments meaningful and reasonable for students. The goal is to continue students' learning at home, not to create stress or anxiety. There will be a simple test assignment this week for students to submit so we can establish how everything is working on both the students' side and mine.

### How should I expect to receive information?

I will be relying on three main platforms for communication: Schoology, Remind, and the band website; www.theprideofmayfield.org

This letter will be posted both on the "UPDATES" tab of the band website, on schoology, and a Remind message will be sent so that all students and parents know to check for new information. I will continue to post new information in the same fashion. If anyone is experiencing any issues receiving information I ask that you please send me an email with your specific issue so we can try to get it resolved utilizing the resources available to us.

Remember, it is times such as these that music can be especially comforting to all of us. Music raises our spirits, gives us hope, and provides us a vehicle for our emotions. My hope is that all of you think about what you love most about music, and being a musician, and are able to use your time learning as a musician to be a bright spot in each and every day.

Please stay tuned for more!

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