

RMS Bands

“Where the Pride Begins...”

To: Parents of RMS band students
From: Mr. Nathan Haskew, Band director
Re: Information for 2009 – 2010 school year

I hope that this letter finds you all doing well. I'm writing to dispel some of the rumor mill that begins this time of the year.

This time of year is a busy one for us all. As we begin to wind down this year, I am already looking ahead to next year's band program and wanted to make sure that we all had the correct information as we begin to look at the next school year. The following question always surfaces around this time of the year, and I wanted to make sure to address it with you.

Q: Can my child be in band and be involved in other school activities? (ex. All sports, clubs, student council, etc.)

A: YES! The curriculum and extracurricular offerings here at RMS are designed so that you child can “tryout” many different things without having to choose one activity over another activity. It is designed to give your child, and you, the foundation needed to make informed decisions about activities once they are headed to the High School. We currently have students involved in every sport available to middle school students, AND they take band. Your child should not have to give up one for the other, because we work together to ensure that your child can participate in both activities. When these activities do conflict, the coach(es) and I work together for the best of the child. In other words, we work together to make sure your child has a positive experience in all activities.

I am very fortunate to have been able to work with your student this past year and I hope we will be able to continue working together in the future! On a selfish note, I put a lot of energy and effort into providing your student the music education he/she has received this year. I also believe your child has learned many lessons in the Bandroom that they do not learn in other school environments. I do not want to see that effort go to waste. I also do not want to see the effort your child has put into learning something completely new go to waste (can you remember those first sounds on their instrument????). There is a whole world of opportunities available to you and your students through music and you have only just begun!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Band program in the 2009-2010 school year. I want your child to get the best of what we have to offer here at the middle school and I want to help them develop their understanding and appreciation of music of all types.

I look forward to Striking Up The Band with you!!

Mr. Nathan Haskew
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Director of Bands