

WELCOME TO THE BAND ROOM!

This information is for **6th** grade band members only. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades**, please look at the other sheet!

About the teacher:

Mrs. Upton is proud to be in her 28<sup>th</sup> year of teaching this year! When she is not working with musicians at MMS, she is also the MHS band director and teaches a MHS English class. She and her husband John have three cats and love bluegrass music and trying new restaurants.

Instrument fittings:

In mid-September, Rick Cote from Marshall Music will make **individual appointments** with you and your young musician for an instrument fitting. This no-obligation appointment will give your child time to try multiple instruments, allow you to watch the fitting process, and provide a chance to obtain all materials for band. Mr. Cote can also help evaluate existing family instruments at that time. Mr. Cote has been coming to Milan for many years and has been a great help in getting our beginners and beginning band families off to an excellent musical start. **To assist in this process, please fill out a contact sheet that I can pass along to Mr. Cote.** All appointments will be made at parent/guardian convenience: typically, he is here in Milan for just over one week.

All instruments and accessories should be clearly labeled with your musician's name. Cases should be marked with a luggage/case tag. Percussionists **MUST** clearly label sticks and mallets with their name and/or initials.

Concert Uniforms:

6<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to dress up for band performances in clothing that is predominantly in one or more of the school colors (white, black, gray, red, silver). Closed toe shoes are recommended for safety on the concert stage. Mrs. Upton will send home more performance information once school begins. If your sixth grader has access to a middle school band polo shirt (worn in grades 7 and 8), that is also fine for performances.

Donations:

The band room uses a LOT of tissues/kleenex during the school year, about one box per week. If you would like to donate a box, it will be gratefully accepted. Tissues in the band room allow students to return to playing more quickly!

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Contact Information for Instrument Fittings, Mr. Rick Cote (Marshall Music)

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay to text this number? \_\_\_\_\_

List additional contact information for Mr. Cote here: