



# MURPHY BAND NEWS

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June 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

As we start summer and have a change of pace, we are already anticipating a fantastic school year for 2019 - 2020! We are so excited to work with our future 6th graders and show them how to play their instrument. Of course, so much more will happen in our classrooms. They will develop patience, persistence, teamwork, and self-discipline, while having fun along the way! Participating in band programs helps students develop creatively and artistically, all while building up those “well-rounded qualities” or “soft skills” that are so important. The work ethic we develop with our students isn’t just for band - it benefits them for a lifetime.

### **A few items for summer:**

1. Obtain the necessary supplies - you want to have made arrangements for all supplies early in the summer. Work with a local music retailer to purchase necessary supplies and rent the quality instruments on our Approved Equipment List. PLEASE STICK TO OUR LIST, as each item has been carefully considered and chosen for maximum benefit. If you have misplaced our lists, you can find them by clicking [here](#) or by going to <http://www.murphymband.com/beginning-band-resources.html>
2. If you wish to get an early start - remember we DO NOT WANT students trying to “figure it out” on their own or getting guidance from family members or friends. Bad or incorrect habits are very difficult and discouraging to change. Please work with an approved Music Teacher from our list. Click [here](#) or visit <http://www.murphymband.com/private-lesson-staff.html> to find a great person who can help your child get a great start!
3. In addition to the instruments and other music supplies you will need for band, you will also need the following items:
  - a. 1” Black 3-ring binder (with two interior pockets)
  - b. 6 Tabbed Index Dividers
  - c. Pencil Pouch that fits into the binder
  - d. Several Pencils
  - e. Durable Luggage Tag with Student Name and School Contact Information
4. In July you will get another email that will help you get a head start on dates, forms, and fees. If you have questions before then, feel free to contact me, as I will be checking my email during the summer.

Have a fantastic summer - next year will be a blast!  
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## Important Dates:

**July 16-17 - Yamaha Sounds of Summer Drum Camp** - Plano East Senior High School

Sign up at: [www.planoeastband.com](http://www.planoeastband.com) or click [here](#). This is for Beginning Percussionists

**July 29 - August 1: Double Reed Camp** - Required for bassoon and oboe players.

Find information [here](#).

**August 2** - You should have or have made arrangements for all needed band supplies by this date

**August 12 - First Day of School** - Students do not need to bring their instruments or supplies on this day.

**August 14 - First Day with Instruments** - Students will bring all band supplies to school for approval by a director.