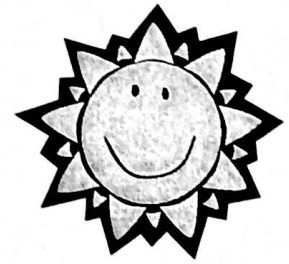


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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parents and Students,

The end of the school year is approaching quickly! As 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band comes to an end, it is time to prepare for the summer.

The last day of band lessons at your school is as follows:

**GES:** Monday, June 8

**MES:** Tuesday, June 9

**LMES:** Wednesday, June 10

**PES:** Friday, June 5 or Thursday, June 11 (please check your band schedule)

*If you have borrowed a Region 15 instrument*, please be prepared to return it at your last lesson. The student's name and school should be clearly labeled on the case. Please remove all personal items from the case. Brass players and clarinets should wash out their mouthpieces with warm water prior to returning their instruments. Please make a list of any problems you have experienced with the instrument or any damage that has occurred (sticky valves, stuck slides, loose screws, dents, etc.) and hand that in with the instrument so that repairs can be made. I will look over each instrument with the student at the last lesson and sign off that it has been properly returned.

*If you have rented an instrument from an outside vendor*, please contact your rental company regarding when your contract is over. Many companies offer rentals over the summer months so that students can continue to practice. If you are returning the instrument, please make arrangements to get it back to the vendor. Some companies will pick up the instrument at your school. If this is the case, **it is your responsibility to contact the rental company and make arrangements for instrument pick-up. Do not leave the instrument in the main office assuming a company representative will pick it up without prior notification.** Make sure the student's name and school is clearly labeled on the case.

If you will be keeping your instrument over the summer, I encourage all students to practice and take lessons. Region 15 has a Visiting Artist program that provides private lessons. Click on the Visiting Artist link on the music page of your school website for information on private lesson teachers, locations, and fees. Students will also be receiving a summer packet of warm-ups and music to help keep up their skills in preparation for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band.

I wish all band students the very best in their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands and other future musical endeavors!

Sincerely,

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