

Dear Cadet Band Parents:

August 24, 2011

Hello again and welcome to a new school year. As our students are getting ready for another year of learning, so too will our schools be filled with the musical sounds of the Giles-Leigh Cadet Band.

Band rehearsals will begin on **Monday, August 30th for Leigh Cadets and Wednesday, September 1st for Giles Cadets**. Rehearsals will take place two times a week during 5th period, just before lunch. **Leigh** Cadets will rehearse on Mondays and Tuesdays and **Giles** Cadets will rehearse on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Group lessons will begin a few weeks after. The schedule is found on the reverse side of this page.

This year, the students will be learning and developing new skills and concepts that will help them become well-rounded musicians. To start this year off, the band members will be playing out of two program books on a regular basis. Therefore, ***you will need to purchase the following instructional band books:***

Queenwood Band Book #3: \$5.00

Warm-ups and Beyond Band Warm-up Book: \$6.00

Total: \$11.00

Please write out a check made payable to Quinlan and Fabish Music Company and send it with your child in a well-marked envelope no later than **Thursday, September 8th**. Please turn in the book fees directly to me. I will provide each student with these books during our first rehearsal. Your child should find this music very enjoyable.

At this time, I would like to ask you to review the Cadet-Concert Band Parent Handbook. This explains our band procedures, schedule, performance calendar, etc. for the year. This handbook will answer most of your questions about the band program. This year, in support of the “Going Green Initiative”, the Parent Handbook will be found on the band web page within the Norridge District website found at www.norridge80.org. On the second page, there is a parent/student signature slip I would like you and your child to download and sign. Please return this to me as soon as possible. Please include your e-mail address since this is a valuable communication venue for me throughout the year should I need to contact you individually.

Finally, seasonal information regarding upcoming concerts, announcements, etc. is always found on the Norridge School District 80 band web page. Please feel free to visit there often since updated information is easy to find.

I am looking forward to this year and hope it is an awesome one for you and your entire family! As always, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Christopher Bucaro/Band Director
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