HERNANDO BAND

Dear parents/guardians,

The Hernando Middle School Band will put on the annual Winter Band Concert on Thursday, December 3, at the Hernando Performing Arts Center at Hernando Middle School. This is a **REQUIRED PERFORMANCE** for all band students at HMS. The doors will open to the public at 5:45, and the 6th Grade concert will begin at 6:00. The 7th and 8th Grade concert will begin at 6:45. The concerts are open to the public, and tickets are $5 each. Desoto County Schools employees and children 5 and under get in free!

The 6th grade band and HMS Concert Band will have joint band rehearsals during their regular class times on Wednesday, December 2. The 7th grade percussion class will join the rest of the Concert Band during 1st Block. All 6th grade band students will come to band during 2nd Block on Wednesday.

All 6th Grade band students should be in their seats and ready to warm up no later than 5:00. The 6th Grade Band will perform their concert first, starting at 6:00. After a short break to clear the auditorium, the HMS Color Guard will start at 6:45, followed by the Concert Band and then the Symphonic Band. **If you do not have a student in the 6th Grade Band, please do not arrive until after 6:15 to help alleviate crowding.** All Concert Band students should be seated and in the first two rows no later than 6:30. Students in the Symphonic Band should be seated in the audience with all supplies before the Color Guard performance begins at 6:45.

Students should wear nice concert attire, which is similar to business casual. **Students should not wear jeans, sweatpants, shorts, or t-shirts.** If you have a question about concert attire, please contact a director. Other than tubas and percussion, all cases should be left in the car, but all other needed equipment and music should be brought inside for the concert. If you would like to participate in the holiday cheer of the 6th grade concert, please download the Jingle+ app on your device! This is a great opportunity for the students to show off what they have learned so far in band this year. We look forward to seeing you at the concert and make sure to bring your holiday spirit!

Thank you,

Hernando Band Staff