

# ***SIXTH GRADE FAST START!***

On Saturday, August 28th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the MPMS and AWMS Beginning Bands will host a FAST START! day. The band directors from the school system and area professionals will come and work with our beginning band students to help them off to a great start on their instruments! This event will be held at Wayne County High School. Families who are renting from Horns Up! or Portman's Music, your child's instrument will be delivered and ready for them to make their first sounds!

The beginners will be taught the following:

1. A little history of the instrument
2. How to take the instrument out of the case
3. How to put the instrument back into the case
4. How to assemble the instrument
5. The parts of the instrument
6. Correct hand position
7. How to hold the instrument correctly
8. What good posture is for that particular instrument
9. How to apply oil, cork grease, etc., and about how often
10. How to put on a reed correctly (If applicable)
11. What kind of reeds, oils, sticks, etc. to buy
12. How to make a good sound on their instrument
13. How to play their first 5 notes on their instrument
14. The importance of practicing!
15. The importance of not getting discouraged and to stick with it!

As you can see, we will cover a lot of very valuable information in just a few short hours. Many times, the FAST START! event covers over two weeks of instruction. Parents are always very excited that their child will have the tools to get off to a FAST START! in the band this year.

We are so glad that you will allow your child to attend this very important FREE clinic and look forward to an AWESOME year in the beginning band!