

Helpful tips for summer! 2021

Summer is almost here! And I have a few tips and reminders to keep your students up to playing ability.

1. If you are renting an instrument from Ken Stanton, Music & Arts, or Paulding Music it is advised that you KEEP THE INSTRUMENT ALL SUMMER. Your rental payments are going towards owning the instrument. If you return the instrument, you are losing that investment.
 - a. School owned instruments will need to be returned for cleaning and maintenance (dates will be sent from the administrators). If you would like to have it over the summer, please let me know. It is good to keep practicing.
2. Have your student practice once a week at minimum. Even if this is for 15 minutes it is vital to keep up their “chops” and have them playing.
3. Remind your student to take care of their instrument: clean, oil valves, change reeds, oil slides to keep from sticking. -Bill Smith Music is available for all instrument cleanings.
4. Please remember that band is a class, meaning SMMS activities or sports OUTSIDE of the school day will not interfere with band class. All SMMS band students are involved in activities through the school (cheerleading, football, softball, volleyball, basketball, etc.) If you make something a priority it will happen; please see Sammy McClure Bands Facebook Page
5. Students should review all their learned materials from the year to keep up their memory and technique.
- 6. Start saving for the band trip! We will be planning a trip as soon as school starts which means payments.**
7. If possible, sign your student up for music camps. There are several in our area Encore Music Camp, New Notes Music Camp, Cobb Music Camp, etc. [**Some camps are in person.](#)
8. Start looking ahead, the calendar will be updated over the summer so that you can start planning.

Have a wonderful summer!

This year was interesting but a great success. Thank you for supporting your student and the arts. It is amazing to watch students grow and learn a skill outside the academic classroom.