



## IN THE MOSES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS!

In sixth grade, you have an exciting opportunity awaiting you, **the chance to learn to make music**. You also will have a chance to be member of the MMS Music program and be around the best and the brightest students at the school.

### Facts and Questions about Band and Chorus

- **Why Music?** Research findings suggest, children who are in music programs see significant benefits in reading, math, and logical-sequential thinking. In addition, high school students who remain in a quality music program also average 20 to 40 points higher on the SAT on both the math and verbal portions. Music majors have the highest rate of acceptance to medical schools. Annually, National Merit Scholars are involved in music programs more than any other single activity in school. *Other added benefits are a development of cooperation, self-expression, responsibility, discipline, patience, self-esteem, listening skills, and a potential life-long enjoyment of music.*
- **You will have a chance to join the largest groups on campus.** You will not want to miss out of these groups! **YOU CAN DO BOTH!**
- **Band and Chorus are regular daily connections classes that will meet for the entire year.** You will still have a chance to experience other connections classes. **You do not have to choose one over the other- these can both be taken all year.**
- **In Band, you will have a chance to learn one of the following instruments:** flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion. *Sorry, we do not offer string instruments at this time.*
- **In Chorus, you will have the opportunity to** learn group singing techniques, breathing techniques, and music reading, possibly sing in a foreign language, and sing songs from a variety of music styles.
- **Will there be after school rehearsals/events?** In the first year, there are no after school rehearsals. Band gives a concert in December and a few more in May. We enjoy some optional events open to sixth grade band members who excel. Chorus also does not do after school rehearsals unless needed. There are four Chorus concerts per year, and they take part in many other activities such as community caroling. Chorus has visited Disney and Universal Studios in the past, as well as had the opportunity to sing at the state Capitol building.
- **How do I pick an instrument?** We will help you. **We will have a Band Information Night on THURSDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> in the Moses Gym.** On this night you will get to learn about the band program, meet the band director, and try instruments out to see what works best for you!
- **Do I need to buy an instrument if I want to participate in band?** Please wait until we try the instruments before obtaining an instrument. Some instruments are provided by the school: tuba, bassoon, horn, or euphonium. Other instruments, you will need to rent or purchase from area music stores or reputable music dealer.
- **Do I need any experience?** NO! We will teach you everything you need to know in both band and Chorus!
- **Can I be in other clubs?** Yes, our music students are active in numerous clubs and sport activities and still manage to participate in both groups.
- **How do I join?** Scan the QR code at the top of the page and fill out the online form so we know you are interested!
- **What do I do if I am undecided?** **Sign up!** If you are unsure, come try it. If you wait until later, there may not be another chance.
- **Questions?** Email Mrs. Townsend (Chorus): [ktownsend@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:ktownsend@paulding.k12.ga.us) or Mrs. Howell (Band): [khowell@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:khowell@paulding.k12.ga.us)