

Band Information & Orientation

Mr. Tyler Polston, Band Instructor



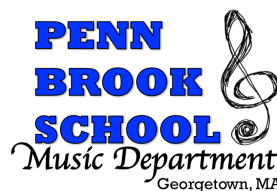
Why choose music?

- Students in high-quality school music programs score higher on standardized test compared to students in schools with deficient music education programs, regardless of the socioeconomic status of the school or district. Johnson, C.M. & Memmott, (2007).
- Playing a musical instrument significantly enhances the brainstem's sensitivity to speech sounds. This relates to encoding skills involved with both music and language. Wong et al., (2007).
- The combines results of 30 studies indicate the music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills, Standley, (2008).
- The cognitive structures developed through music instruction "exposed and illuminated more general organizing structures relevant for multiple disciplines.



Goals of the Band Program

- Learn to play a concert band instrument alone and with others.
- Provide our school community with quality music performance for special events and occasions.
- Build character and life skills necessary to be an independent learner
- Prepare students for continual success on their instrument with the appropriate support and resources



Getting Started

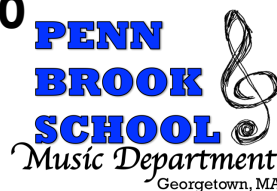
- Parent encouragement!
- Registration is online
(Enrichment Program) **Last Day is Sept. 20**
- Band Fees (\$55, paid through Enrichment)
- Obtaining an instrument
- Expectations of students



Ways to stay informed

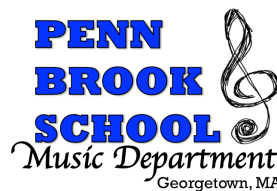
- Music website www.pbsmusic.weebly.com
- Weekly emails (usually Thursdays)
- GMP meetings monthly
- Ye ole Handbook
- Remind app

Text @pbsband to 81010



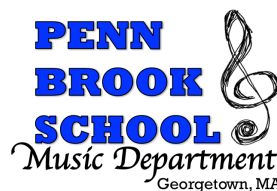
Dates to Remember

- Registration deadline (Sept. 20th)
- Instrument Rental Night (Sept. 19th)
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser (Nov.)
- Poinsettia Fundraiser (Dec.)
- **Winter Concert (December 14th)**
 - RED Band & 6th Grade Band
- **Spring Concert (May 17th)**
 - BLUE Band & RED Band & 6th Grade Band
- BLUE Band Performances (TBA)
 - One during school in Winter
 - One in the evening in the Spring
- **Music Festival (June 1st)**



Georgetown Music Parents

- You are a music parent! No sign-up, no fees.
- Opportunities to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated
- Next General Membership meeting is here at Penn Brook – Oct. 12th



In closing...

- This is just the start of a long journey.

