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Dear MTMS 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Parents,

I am extraordinarily excited to announce that band, chorus, and strings orchestra rehearsals will now be held before school at 7:22 am as part of a newly implemented "Performing Arts Period." If your child participates in any of these activities, **the district will be providing early morning bussing.** In this regard, it is my sincere hope that we can elevate the quality of our music programs.

Over the course of the next few days, our music teachers will be enrolling students in performing arts programs through informal meetings during enrichment. At this point, early morning programs are scheduled as follows and begin at 7:22 am.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Grade 7 / 8 Bulldog Band	Grade 6 / 7 / 8 Jazz Band	Grade 7 / 8 Bulldog Band	X	Grade 6 / 7 / 8 Jazz Band
Grade 6 / 7 / 8 Orchestra	Grade 6 Blue Band	Grade 6 / 7 / 8 Orchestra	Grade 6 Blue Band	Grade 6 / 7 / 8 Lab Band
Grade 6 Chorus	Grade 7 / 8 Chorus	Grade 6 Chorus	Grade 7 / 8 Chorus	X

Your child will receive detailed information regarding the activities associated with each musical group directly from the music teachers. However, if you have specific questions regarding the classes, please contact the teachers directly...they are more than happy to provide more details.

- Mr. Branch & Mr. Pokryska will facilitate grade 7 / 8 Bulldog Band; grade 6 Blue Band; grade 6 / 7 / 8 Jazz Band; and grade 6 / 7 / 8 Lab Band.
- Mr. Bergamotto will facilitate all chorus classes.
- Mrs. Schaberg will facilitate Orchestra (strings).

Once we have all of our rosters completed for each musical group, we will send out additional information regarding logistics and guidelines for participation – the transportation department will then determine bus routes. **You will be notified and asked to sign / return a permission slip prior to the start of the "Performing Arts Period".** Please note that the schedule above is subject to change if enrollment varies from what we have seen in past years. *Students will continue to have small group instruction during the school day – one lesson per week on a seven week rotation.*

Very truly yours,

Cc: Mrs. Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools