



Creekview High School Band Department

Dear Future CHS Band Parent,

On behalf of the Creekview High School band staff, I want to tell you how excited we are about having your child in band next year. The middle school/CHS football game was a complete success. We are all very excited about next year's possibilities as we work along side your child.

Many have said the benefits of band extend far beyond the mastery and understanding of musical technique. The nurturing of a positive self-image is a certain reward for any student who plays an active roll in the band community. Ongoing research confirms that music students score higher in academic subjects and are actively sought by colleges and universities not only for their musical talents, but because they rank at the top of their classes in school.

Ultimately, we are developing young people to be successful at anything they choose to do in life. The study of music enhances every aspect of their future. It affords them the opportunity to reach into their personal potential and enjoy the achievement of both individual and collective group goals. Author Robert C. Hawley stated in his book, *Human Values in the Classroom*:

"Over time, a continuing and steadfast focus on the positive in life, on our strengths, and on the strengths of others can help to restore in our students their personal energy, their feelings of importance, their sense of self-worth so they can see themselves as positive forces who can contribute to the task of building a better world."

This is one of the major themes, which serves as a basic component of every band practice. It is important that each member feels positive of his or her participation, and they see themselves as an integral contributor to the overall success of the entire program. Everyone is important! Everyone has worth. Everyone makes a difference in our band.

With this letter, I am including some important information from our Band President, Eddie Todd and our Booster President, Mrs. Anne Rumsey. Please read it carefully.

We are counting on each and every one of you to continue the success of this program. We have already begun making plans for next year with your child in mind. Please let us know if we can do anything to help in any way.

In the interest of your child,

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