

SKYRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

2017-2018

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Dear Skyridge families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We have an exciting year in store, and I'm glad your student(s) will be a part of the fun.

There are a few easy beginning-of-year tasks that students and parents/guardians are asked to complete:

- **Review the Band syllabus found on the band website.** There have been some significant changes from last year, so please be sure to read it carefully. The syllabus can be found at:
<http://www.mrsanchezmusic.org/syllabus.html>
- **Review the Band calendar** (found on the band website) for concert and performance dates.
- **Enroll in the appropriate class in Google Classroom** using your school Google account. We will be using Google Classroom this year periodically for playing tests, quizzes, and other assignments.
6th Grade Band class code: zubrb8d
7th Grade Band class code: oy3s1hr
8th Grade Band class code: hggctv
- **Join our Remind group.** Remind is a service that allows me to send brief text messages to *students and parents/guardians* regarding assignments, performances, and other important information (longer messages will be sent to your E-Mail address through Skyward per usual). It's easy to sign up!
 - From your smartphone, create a new text message. In the "To:" field, enter in the number **81010**
 - In the body of the text message, enter:
 - **@skyridge6** for 6th Grade Band
 - **@skyridge7** for 7th Grade Band
 - **@skyridge8** for 8th Grade Band
 - You'll receive a message asking if you are a student, parent, or teacher. Please respond according to the directions in the text message. If you make a mistake, just E-Mail me and I can change it.
 - You'll receive a confirmation message, and you're set.
 - Please note: you **do not** have to download the app, even though the confirmation message makes it seem like you have to.
 - The next time I send out a message to the class, you'll receive it as a text message. It's that simple! This will be a one-way announcement system: students and parents/guardians will still need to E-Mail me with any questions.

How it all fits together

There's a lot of information here: things to sign up for, websites, apps, etc. Once all these things are set up, it'll be a convenient system to stay on top of what's going on with Skyridge Bands. Since Skyridge Bands are using a few new services this year, I hope that new and returning Band families find the chart below helpful.

Name	How to access? Who?	What does it do? Other info?
Skyward	<p>From Skyridge Middle School website: <i>Parents</i> → <i>Skyward Family Access</i></p> <p>For students and parents/guardians.</p>	<p>Check on student assignments and grades in every class; message teachers.</p> <p>Students and parents/guardians will receive regular E-Mail updates from me regarding Band happenings, future assignments, announcements, etc. You should already have a Skyward account. If not, contact the Skyridge Main Office.</p>
Remind	<p>Send a text to 81010</p> <p>In the body of the text message, enter:</p> <p>@skyridge6 for 6th Grade Band @skyridge7 for 7th Grade Band @skyridge8 for 8th Grade Band</p> <p>There is also a free app available in the App Store and Google Play, but it is not required. For students and parents/guardians.</p>	<p>Sends short text messages to students and parents/guardians. Used for quick reminders the night before/day of: concerts, assignment due dates, field trips, emergencies (ex.: concert cancellations due to inclement weather), etc.</p> <p>This is a one-way messaging system, and Mr. Sanchez is the only one who can send messages. Please have students and parents/guardians sign up for this <i>free service</i>.</p>
Google Classroom	<p>Sign into your school Google account and then go to: classroom.google.com</p> <p>Enroll in the appropriate class:</p> <p>6th Grade Band class code: <code>zubrb8d</code> 7th Grade Band class code: <code>oy3s1hr</code> 8th Grade Band class code: <code>hggctv</code></p> <p>For students only.</p>	<p>This will be used for submitting assignments, quizzes, and playing tests only. To find out current grades, please use Skyward.</p>
Band website	<p>http://www.mrsanchezmusic.org/</p> <p>For students and parents/guardians.</p>	<p>Contains course syllabus, calendar w/performance dates, a copy of all Skyward E-Mails under "Band News," dress code, supply list, and more.</p>
Band calendar	<p>http://www.mrsanchezmusic.org/calendar.html</p> <p>For students and parents/guardians.</p>	<p>Contains performance dates, assignment/Band Project due dates. Can be imported into your personal calendar (see instructions on webpage).</p>

Please return this page to Mr. Sanchez by Friday, September 8th, 2017.

_____ and I have done all of the following:
(student name)

- Reviewed and understand the Band syllabus: questions can be directed to Mr. Sanchez
- Reviewed the Band calendar and will commit to showing up at the listed performance dates (schedule conflicts must be communicated to Mr. Sanchez via E-Mail immediately)
- Enrolled in 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade Band Google Classroom using the codes found on Page 1 of this letter home
- Joined the appropriate 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, or 8th Grade Band **Remind** group using the information found on Page 1 of this letter home

Parent/guardian name: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____