

# Welcome to Band

Dear Parents,

Band is an elective class choice for 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars at BCA. I wanted to take some time to communicate with you what your child will be experiencing in my classroom this year if they choose to join band.

As you know, being in band is a commitment. Being a “band parent” is a commitment as well. If we can work as a team for the benefit of your student, they will become a better musician because of it.

For those interested in band, scholars will be given 3 choices of instruments, and then I will assess each scholar to determine the instrument that is best for them. After all of the scholars have been assessed, letters will be sent home with the chosen instrument and supplies needed for next year.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BAND SCHOLAR:**

- Practice, practice, practice! Band scholars are required to practice 15 minutes a day, which is graded.
- Be positive and try your best!
- Bring required items to band class.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BAND PARENT:**

- Be aware – Your invested interest is going to translate to your students and their investment. By being aware of what days band takes place at school, what we are learning and how they are progressing, your student will go miles further than they would on their own.
- Encourage – Beginning music students need LOTS of cheerleading, because instruments can be very difficult and frustrating to young beginners. The tiniest accomplishment is still an accomplishment that should be recognized!
- Monitor – Students need to PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE! Without practice, they will not progress.

The scholars have been so excited about band, and I would love to see that eagerness continue throughout the year. With a combined effort, Bayou Community Academy will have the strongest musicians around!

Please contact me through email with any questions at [kdiket@bcacharter.org](mailto:kdiket@bcacharter.org)

Musically Yours,

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