



July, 2016

Dear Students and Parents:

My name is Kathy Baldwin, and I am excited to be teaching band at CTA Liberty this year. Band is offered to any student who is interested. They do not need any prior experience to participate. We will be learning how to play the instrument, take care of it and read music. Band class will begin on **Monday, August 1** (Beginning) and **Tuesday, August 2** (Advanced).

Instruction is given for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, and bell kit. Percussionists will be learning the snare and bass drum the second half of the year.

Band will be meeting before school in room M-2 from 7-7:45 a.m. Beginners (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will be meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Advanced Band will meet on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have a conflict, please let me know. We can work something out. I ask that the students commit to playing for the entire school year.

Students will need to provide their own instrument and book. Instruments can be rented from a music store. The Chandler School District has instruments to loan if you are in financial need. The appropriate form must be filled out and returned to me by **Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Students will also need the book Sound Innovations, book 1. (Advanced band will be moving into book 2 soon.) Clarinet and saxophone players should have at least 4 reeds, 2 ½ strength and a reed guard. You should also provide a cleaning swab and cork grease. Brass Players will need valve oil.

Band is fun! It teaches the student to set goals, work as a team, and supports all areas of learning. It is a skill for life!

Please fill out this form and return to your classroom teacher before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Kathy Baldwin

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_