



# Autrey Mill Middle School Band

Autumn Smith, Director of Bands

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Letter

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**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to Autrey Mill Middle School! My name is Autumn Smith, and I am the Director of Bands here at AMMS. I hope you had a refreshing summer and are looking forward to a great year filled with music.

To save some paper and provide you with information that is easy to access, much of our paperwork and information will be posted on our band website. **To access the band website, go to [ammsband.org](http://ammsband.org) or scan the QR code on the back of this page.**

Once on the site, click on the AMMS Program Information tab to access files for the First Steps Welcome Letter, Band Handbook, Course Syllabus, Music Store List and additional information about our program as needed throughout the year.

**The Band Handbook serves as the operating guidelines for our band program. Please make sure you and your student have read through it completely as it contains important information, policies, procedures, grading information, assignment information, supply lists, helpful tips, suggestions for parents of musicians and more.**

The **Band Calendar** tab contains all of our Concert dates, events, Fine Arts Activities and important due dates.

The **Honor Bands and Events** tab will house information about the GMEA Solo and Ensemble Event, GMEA All-State/District Honor Band Auditions, "Trunk or Treat" with the JCHS Band, 8th Grade Night at the JCHS Football Game and more!

The **Band Online Payments** tab has links to all OSP (Online School Payments) needs for Band supplies/events. Other than instruments and instrument supplies, we do most of our fees upfront that would be collected throughout the year. **The fee is \$100 total. This fee is for both new and returning students. This fee covers uniforms, band binder system, clinicians/instructors, method books, and more.**

## ITEMS TO NOTE:

- **The first day with instruments is 8/12/24.** Students should have ALL necessary supplies with them (instrument, binder, reeds, method book, valve oil, etc.) on this date.
  - o 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will start the year with a review of the green book, then will be provided with a yellow book. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will begin the year with a review of the yellow book.
  - o Students who have misplaced or lost their supplies from previous years should replace their materials before 8/12/24.
- **Jazz Band rehearsals begin 8/15/24** at 8:00am in the band room. Students should report to the cafeteria and wait to be picked up.
- Help your child obtain additional classroom supplies and/or donations if possible.
  - o We are in need of: financial donations, Kleenex tissues, Band Aids, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, 9 volt/AA batteries, puppy pads, ping pong balls, standard size balloons.
- Add the AMMS Band calendar dates to your personal and family calendars. ([ammsband.org](http://ammsband.org))



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## **DUE ON AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>:**

1. Read this letter – DONE!
2. Read the AMMS Band Handbook
  - a. Detach, sign, and return the Parent/Student agreement
3. Pay the yearly \$100 Band Operations Fee via OSP.
  - a. OSP Payments can be found on the band website (ammsband.org) or on AMMS OSP.
4. Fill out the digital Student Information Sheet
5. Join the Band page so that you can stay adequately informed! (See QR code below)
6. Help your student musician obtain additional classroom supplies and/or donations if possible.
  - a. We are in need of financial donations, tissues, band-aids, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, AA batteries, standard size balloons, and ping-pong balls.

I am looking forward to an amazing and successful school year with our student musicians at Autrey Mill Middle School. Thank you for allowing me to teach your students and I wish you a great year!

Autumn Smith  
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Autrey Mill Middle School

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**BAND APP:**



**AMMS OSP:**

