Dear HHM Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from the Band Room! My name is Micah Smith and I am the new Band Teacher at High Horizons Magnet. I am moving over from Bassick High where I taught Band for 4 years and this will be my 15th year in teaching. I am excited to join the HHM team and continue the strong tradition of excellence.

I am very happy that your student is enrolled in Band for this year. We have many great opportunities for instruction and community performances. This letter will inform you of schedules, performances and instrument rental/purchase. Please read through the information and always feel free to email me at: [msmith1@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:msmith1@bridgeportedu.net)

**Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:**

Students will have Band Class during the school day 2 times per week. Band Class starts the first week of school even if you do not have your instrument yet.

**Performance Schedule:**

HHM has 2 major concerts per year- Winter (evening) & Spring Concert (during school). In addition, there are opportunities for performing in various community events. \*Concert dates will be sent home with students and can be found on our HHM School Website. Parents can also stay in touch with upcoming Band information by email. Email Mr. Smith at: [msmith1@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:msmith1@bridgeportedu.net) to be put on the contact list.

**Instrument Rental/Purchase Information:**

**3 options:**

* Rent a school instrument- $30 fee for the school year. Fill out attached Maintenance Agreement Form. This form must be filled out & fees paid again even if you used a school instrument last year. **\*Please fill out this form ASAP as we have a limited number of school owned instruments (first come, first served.)** This will ensure that your child gets to play the instrument of their choice- flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone & percussion (limited number of spots).
* Rent instrument from outside company (fees vary)- Rental Instrument, LLC- Fairfield- 203-612-6888

D’Addario’s- Stratford- 203-377-1315

Music & Arts- Fairfield- 203-255-2881

* Purchase instrument from outside company- Ebay, Amazon, Instrument store, etc.

\*Students need to have their instruments or forms filled out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Band is a graded elective that counts towards their academic student record. We also want to start rehearsing for our first performance!

I look forward to a great year. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Micah Smith

High Horizons Magnet School Band Teacher