



To: Sixth Grade Students and Parents of 6th grade band students.

From: David P.Grippto

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Greetings FHTMS Families,

Hello, my name is David Grippto. I am the band teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. This letter is to all interested students who wish to take part in a great learning experience. The sixth-grade band will have its first meeting on **Monday, August 29th at school**. We shall meet in the band room to discuss choices of instruments and how our class will run.

Students will be given choices of many Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion instruments. You may order your instrument online. Ellis Music Co. will deliver the instruments early September. TBD.

Attached with this letter is a link for the Ellis Music website telling about online rental and instrument rental prices. **Ellis info:**

<https://www.ellismusic.com/t-inforesources.aspx>

If you choose not to go with Ellis, you may call Music and Arts, in Burlington, or provide a working instrument of your own. I suggest **Ellis Music as the best choice**. They have weekly visits to our school for repairs and or equipment needs. Ellis will require two months' rent up front, along with signing a contract. All of this may be done online **6<sup>th</sup> grade students** will be asked to purchase the “**Traditions of Excellence**”, **Book One (red)**, for their instrument. (Around \$15) This is your textbook for the year. I will provide sheet music and other supplemental material. It is important to make sure kids have the book during the school year. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will use “**Traditions of Excellence**” **Book 2, (blue)**

Accessories like reeds, and music stands can be purchased as well. For sax and clarinet players, I suggest buying a box of size 2½ reeds to start. Swabs and cleaning kits may also be purchased. **Instruments will be dropped off at Tuttle soon after Labor Day.**

Students who own an instrument will want to have it checked out by an instrument repair person to make sure it is in excellent working order. Ellis Music Co., Bethel, (1-800-244-7664) or Music and Art Co., Burlington, (863-8652) You will also need a book and reeds. Go online to order them at [www.Ellismusic.com](http://www.Ellismusic.com)

See you soon.

Sincerely,

David P. Grippto, Music Teacher

