

Dear Advanced Band Parent:

Next week we are going to try to start lessons and rehearsals. If your child has played an instrument for 1 year at least, then they are in the Advanced Band. Rehearsals will be at Christ the King School. I will do everything in my power to ensure a safe environment for my students. Here are the particulars of what things will look like:

Face Masks must be worn at all times except when playing instruments. Percussionists must wear them during the full rehearsals.

Temperatures will be taken at 7:15 at the Preschool doors. If your child comes early for breakfast, be sure that their temperatures are taken when they get to school. Do not arrive earlier than 7:15 because no one will be outside to supervise.

Rehearsals will start at 7:20 and will take place in the Parish Hall on Mondays and Thursdays. That is a bigger area for rehearsing while social distancing. Father PJ and Andrew S. have both given us permission to use this area as long as we are quiet at the end of rehearsals while packing up. Mass begins at 8:30 and parishioners are praying in the church while we are packing up.

I will be transporting **St. Joseph Students** to CKS in my car. We will meet at the back parking lot by 6:40am on Mondays and Thursdays. Be sure you are wearing a clean mask every time while in my car.

Everyone will get their **own music stand** during rehearsals so it is extremely important that you come prepared with your instrument and your music folder. It would also be a good idea to bring your band pencil that I gave you over the summer.

I have been in touch with some one from Valley High School Bands and I might be able to acquire **patterns for instrument bags**. If anyone has a sewing machine, I could use some help sewing some bags over the weekend, that's if I can get them that quickly. One of our CKS parents has offered to contribute money towards this project. I'll keep you posted.

Brass Players: please try to locate a pair of panty hose and create a cover to go on your bell to eliminate spit particles spreading when you play. And as always, use the trash containers to end spit.

We will be **social distancing** during rehearsal. If anyone thinks of anything else, please let me know. I want this year to be great, regardless of our obstacles.

Thanks,

Mrs. G.