

# *Ram Band News!*

Friday, July 17th

## **New Band Director!**

Ram Band Family, please welcome to our staff Ms. Quiggle! She is going to the new assistant band director here at Wilson. She will be teaching all beginner woodwind classes, beginner percussion and Symphonic Band. I am so excited that Ms. Quiggle will be joining our Wilson Fine Arts team! Please see her bio below to learn more about her!

Ms. Quiggle is so excited to join the Wilson Middle School band program for this upcoming school year! Ms. Quiggle went to school in Frisco ISD and graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelor's in Music Education. She currently lives in Plano with her dog Murphy and enjoys watching movies, reading, playing video games, and of course going to the dog park!

## **Director Bios**

## **2020-21 School Year and Band**

### **What's going on with band in the fall???**

I know everyone is wondering what band class will look like this fall. We are wholeheartedly committed to creating a meaningful band experience for every student regardless of their decision to attend school in person or online. We don't have all the answers, but we will do our best to guide you towards an answer. This is going to be a group effort!

Remember that we care about each of your children deeply and that together, we will get through this and your child will be able to make progress (maybe even thrive!).

**PLEASE NOTE: Details are subject to change as more directives are provided by the district. This message is current as of July 17, 2020.**

**Below are our current plans for all band classes:**

- 1) Face-to-Face**
- 2) @Home with in-school band**
- 3) @Home without in-school band**

### **Face-to-Learning (when made available):**

We will follow all safety protocols in all classes while delivering in-person instruction. Many details are still being worked out, but students will be working on and submitting playing and “written” assignments in Google Classroom.

Performances: Standard concerts may not happen because of the risks of bringing a large audience into a cafeteria or auditorium, but that doesn’t mean we won’t be able to share what we work on! We are excited about exploring ways to share music on a personal level.

### **@Home Learning with in-school band (when made available):**

We have received guidance from the district that Band is considered one of the courses that fit into the category that allows in-person attendance for @home learners. This is an **OPTION** for parents, not a requirement. Under this option, students would be able to come to campus for their assigned band class time. Again, this is current information as of July 14.

### **@Home Learning without in-school band:**

Students will be playing their instruments during the remote learning time. Your online band class will include the same “written” work as in person classes, and like students at school, you will continue to submit recordings for feedback from your teacher. You might be working on full band music, solos and etudes for skill growth. Expect occasional live group practice sessions with your teacher and classmates. We have not yet been given guidelines for how this will work but we promise to keep it awesome and fun!

### **A special note from your directors:**

We want you all to know that we are committed to providing a positive, loving experience for all band students whether in person or online. Our one central goal is to continue to move your child forward in their musical journey.

- This means that we intend to create a growth minded learning environment for your child rather than maintain the “status quo.”
- This means that we intend to provide the necessary support for students to progress on their instrument at whatever pace is feasible. Forward progress is the goal!
- This means that we intend to provide support to parents so that you can help your kids @ home.

**TOGETHER we will manage whatever situation comes our way!**

**TOGETHER we will continue to learn, create, share, and inspire others through music!**

## **Incoming Beginner Band Zoom Meetings**

If you know of anyone that might not have received my email about zoom instrument try-outs for our incoming beginners, please tell them to email me so we can get their child place on an instrument before the first day of school and/or send them this info.

[Google Form](#) - Required for all beginners that have not done try outs

[Sign-up Genius Link](#) - parents will sign up for a zoom meeting time for their child to “try out” and choose 2 instrument choices for the 20-21 school year.

*\* If students already attended the first Beginner Band Try Out day in the spring of last year, there is no need to do anything. All placements will be sent by August 1st. \**



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