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Dear Incoming 6th Grade Parents:

Entering middle school begins a new chapter in every child's educational journey. With this new chapter comes new opportunities and some difficult decisions. You want your child to be engaged, challenged, and prepared for middle school and beyond. Just as important, you want to know that your child is in a supportive and safe atmosphere that will allow them to not only survive, but to thrive. At the Brighton Middle Band Program, we can provide all of that and more!

Band is more than an artistic endeavor. It is a science, a foreign language, and a sport all rolled into one. Being a part of the band program means your child has a home base at the middle school. A place where they will be engaged at the highest levels and surrounded by the best students; a place where they will be supported and challenged physically, mentally, and musically; a place that teaches character, commitment, and cooperation; a place that will allow them to grow and blossom as a student, a musician, and a leader.

Research has shown that students who study music tend to have higher achievement scores, are more proficient in all subject areas, are more creative, and have better social skills due to their musical experience. Setting aside all of the academic and brain-based research, band also immerses your child into a culture of high achieving students who are committed to high standards of behavior and character development. On an almost daily basis we discuss teamwork, commitment, dedication, and ideas related to personal development and character education. These are the values and skills that will help your child to be successful in everything they do. Being a member of the Brighton Middle School Band will ensure instant acceptance in a respected organization at the onset of your child's first year of middle school; they will have an organization of friends that they belong to.

Students who participate in band are not limited on their opportunities. Students are able to participate in all Brighton Middle School Sports. There might be occasional conflicts, but know that our faculty works hard to resolve as many conflicts as possible before they occur and to work collaboratively to solve them when they arise. Students do not need any prior knowledge of playing an instrument or any music knowledge to join band. We will teach them everything that they need to know. By the end of the first semester, your child will have performed at least once. Students throughout their musical career will have various performance opportunities at places like the Strawberry Festival Parade, the Liberty Bowl, and Disney World.

Over the years, we have had numerous students, myself included, within the Brighton Band program go on to college to play their instrument, both as music majors and non-music majors. The scholarships that have been awarded to our students amount to hundreds of thousand dollars from colleges across the nation.

During the first three weeks of school, we will test students on all of the instruments, and we will determine which instrument will be the best for each individual with regards to testing and their interests. If your child is interested in being the 6th grade band this fall, please complete the online sign-up at brightonband.com, email me at jmayo@tipton-county.com, call me at 901-840-9467, or fill out this form and return it to the front office at BMS. I would like to encourage you to visit the band website www.brightonband.com for more band information. I look forward to potentially getting to know you and your child in the near future.

Musically,
 Jeffrey A. Mayo

Brighton Middle School Band Director

Student Name *(please print)* _____

Parent Signature _____

Yes, I would like for my child to be in band.

No, I would not like for my child to be in band

Please circle which instrument your child is most interested in playing:

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| Flute | Clarinet | Oboe | Saxophone | Bassoon |
| Trumpet | French Horn | Trombone | Baritone | Tuba |
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