



WELCOME

We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your student next school year! River Trail has established a reputation of excellence through high expectations. The same holds true for our band program. The transition from fifth to sixth grade can be quite intimidating. Hopefully, the information we provide to you this evening will make that transition a little easier and much less stressful! Thank you for your time and we look forward to an outstanding 2008-2009 school year!

Sincerely,

Angela Reynolds and Jennifer Compton

Directors of Bands

THINGS TO KNOW

- Classes are divided by instrument (Brass/Percussion and Woodwinds)
- Classes meet everyday
- The study of a musical instrument takes years to master and therefore students will not be able to switch to another instrument
- Students will need the Standard of Excellence Book 1 (Red cover) and Standard of Excellence Book 2 (Blue Cover)
- Beginning band will only be offered for students who didn't start band in 4th or 5th grade or to students who have moved in from another school district and did not have the opportunity to start band in elementary school
- There will be no beginning percussion
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in several concerts throughout the school year (rehearsals that precede the concert are mandatory!)
- Students are expected to practice outside of class a minimum of 20 minutes 4 days a week. More practice time is obviously beneficial. In addition, students are expected to practice until they have mastered the material taught in class
- Please refer to the information found on the reverse side of this sheet. These are the recommended brands of instruments and supplies
- A copy of the RTMS Band Handbook can be found online at rtmsband.com
- Check out the band website for upcoming events and additional information regarding concert attire, playing tests, and grading policy,;