



Hello Bison Family,

I hope everyone has had a restful, fun and rejuvenating Summer break! As we welcome the 2019-2020 school year, I wanted to help you navigate a few changes, along with yearly traditions, in the music room so you and your musician can best prepare.

First of all, my husband and I are so excited to welcome our first baby in September! As you can imagine, I have had to rearrange the first semester of school quite a bit, and I will need to step away from the music classroom for a while; I do plan to return in January 2020!

A change to middle school music: We are graced with many musicians on our High Plains staff, and the very talented Mark Kubichek will be taking over the middle school choir program completely next school year, along with the Music X class. Both of these classes (along with Band - still taught by Mrs. Lemons) are electives for 6-8th grade students, and we encourage your student to join! If schedules need to be changed, please stop by the main office.

Please glance over the HPS music event calendar for this year and include these events on your calendars. I will have paper copies of this event calendar at Back to School Night on August 14th, and as always, this information is also shared on the music website (www.HPSmusic.com) and our Instagram (@_hpsmusic). If changes occur, they will be communicated throughout the same channels as soon as possible.

You'll notice the biggest update is the elementary concert schedule. I will still group kids K-1/2-3/4-5, but I will instead have all K-5 perform in one night, in the Spring on the MVHS stage. I have been very thoughtful in this decision, and I believe it will be the best option as I factor in my maternity leave this Fall. All K-5 students will still need a blue performance shirt/black on the bottom, they will still have a concert this year, just none in the Fall/Winter. Please purchase these performance shirts from Mrs. Lemons for \$6.

Finally, we will be again kicking off the school year with some new, custom HPS apparel. We are excited to introduce new Bison gear to our students, families, staff and community members! The funds gained from these sales will support our continued growth as a program and will directly affect each K-8 student. Look out for flyers, links and information starting at Back to School Night.

Thank you so much for being a supportive community for all of these wonderful life moments! I can't wait to see you all here soon!

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