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Dear Band Families,

My name is Sam Jones and I am a senior trumpet player in the band. I also have the honor of being the president for the 2020 - 2021 school year. I am looking forward to a great year with such an outstanding group of people. This program has provided me with awesome friends, valuable life lessons, a strong sense of leadership, and robust work ethic, which I am then able to carry out through other aspects of my life, whether that is student council, jazz band, etc. For this year, we are aiming to not only have a fantastic marching and concert season, but for each individual to ultimately enjoy what they do, and enjoy how much they give to the community. Every person makes a huge difference in our program. Throughout the year, there will be all sorts of things to be a part of including: craft shows, car washes, band camp, jazz performances, and so much more. All of this begins this summer!

Sectionals will be held throughout the summer leading up to band camp. Section leaders will be in contact with the members of their section throughout the month of June to relay information on when these will occur. These are a great way for everyone to get to know one another in their sections and begin preparation for our season. The health and safety of everyone is on the forefront of our minds and we are working to take the necessary steps to keep everyone safe. More information will be coming from Mr. Ballentine regarding this. After a few sectionals, band camp arrives! This entails working on music and the field show as an entire marching band, a March-A-Thon, and themed days that everyone can participate in. I really enjoy the March-A-Thon and the themed days as they are times for everyone to be a little silly and we really become close with one another. Yet, the best feeling is when the entire field show comes together for the first time and we get to see the product of all of our hard work.

Enclosed in this mailing is an informational letter on band camp, a required medical & picture use form, our fall marching band schedule, and information on our First Flags Band Festival. I am so excited to start a brand new year, meet new people, and succeed as a band.

Sincerely,

Sam Jones

2020 - 2021 Band President