

Summit 7th Grade Band

August 24, 2009

Dear 7th Grade Band Parents,

The Johnston Instrumental Music Staff would like to welcome you and your son or daughter back to one of the most exciting and rewarding educational ventures our school has to offer - **BAND!** Those of us who have chosen careers in this field have discovered many rewards for our students, which may not be apparent when considering the question, **“Should I stay in band?”**

Statistics prove that young people who participate in music are among the academically strongest in their schools. They also have higher SAT & ACT score averages than their fellow classmates. Their adult lives are filled with the success which is a direct result of their band experience: self-discipline, group cooperation, high self-esteem, understanding teamwork, developing a sense of persistence and performance confidence. As your child progresses in their understanding and command of the instrument, you will see how this same desire for excellence applies to every subject in school and serves as a training ground for dealing with many aspects of adult life.

Staying involved with your child's progress is key to his/her success. To help your child be successful in band this year I encourage you to do the following.

- **Help your student get back on a regular practice schedule** and applaud their efforts!
- **Read through the information in this handbook with your student.**
- **Post the concert dates on your family calendar Students are required to attend concerts in order to participate in band.**
- **Check your child's grade regularly on Infinite Campus.**
- **Return the Band Contract found at the back of this packet by Friday, September 4, 2009.**

Thank you for your time, energy and on going support of our band program. Any communication which concerns the welfare of the program and/or your young musician is encouraged. Please feel free to call me at Summit (986-0318) or, it is often quicker to e-mail me at pwolfe@johnston.k12.ia.us should you have any questions or concerns.

Once again, we welcome you to a new stage of performance as we continue to **STRIKE UP THE BAND!**

Musically yours,

Mrs. Peggy E. Wolfe
Director of 7th Grade Bands