



6th Grade students and parents:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 York Cougar 6th Grade Beginning Band! I am so excited and honored to be your band director this year. The York Cougar Bands Program has a long history of excellence and distinction! I am thrilled you have decided to be a part of this outstanding program!

I am sure you are eager to purchase or begin renting your instrument. Our final instrument rental night is on **Monday, August 11th** from 4:00-6:00 pm in the York Intermediate School band room. Any student who does not have their instrument yet should plan to join us that evening. I, along with our other YSD1 Band Directors, and Matt Roper, President of *Roper Music* will be there to assist you.

6th grade band members will have the opportunity to participate in two performances this year! On **Thursday, January 15th** we will have our Beginning Band Winter Showcase at 6:00 pm in the YIS Gym. In the spring, we will perform our first formal concert on **Tuesday, March 17th** at 6:00 pm in the York Comprehensive High School Auditorium (dates tentative). Both performances will display the skills we developed during 6th Grade Band, and you do not want to miss them! There will be several mandatory after-school rehearsals to prepare us for each performance. After-school rehearsal dates, performance dress and expectations will be released later in the school year.

Again, I am thrilled to teach you during your first year as a band student! Please reach out with any questions or concerns. Welcome to the York Cougar Band Family!

Sincerely,

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