

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the first week of summer break!!! My name is Dennis Carter, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the director of instrumental music at TMS.

A couple of weeks ago all of the fifth grade students had a presentation/concert by the TMS Pezz Band during their school day. This was presented to them so they had a chance to see and hear what opportunities are available in band at the middle school.

The Triad Middle School Bands offer a great variety of educational and performance opportunities. The study of music is an investment that is essential in providing a well-rounded education for every student. Your child can benefit from our music program in fields of responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem, discipline, and the enjoyment of performing music that will last a lifetime.

The 6th-Grade Band meets during 6th period for full band class. We also have technique classes, small groups usually of the same instruments, that meet once a week to learn additional fundamental techniques for their specific instrument.

We have scheduled a concert that we would love for you to attend on **Saturday, July 19** at Triad Middle School in the large gym that will start at **7:00 p.m.** This will be a free performance with our 2025-2026 7th/8th-Grade Band performing four selections as well as playing little snippets of music on each instrument allowing you to see and hear them played by students. We will also have representatives from Palen Music Center talk about their company and instrument rental program.

Here is a link to a youtube video that demonstrates the instruments of the band.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCTeSjpDsIs>

Below are links to our bands performing some selections at a spring concert.

6th Grade Band - Champion Fanfare

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13E-d_7jcJPI6QS3950RPagE1ANj5MiVI/view?usp=sharing

Pezz Band - Curacao Blue

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QPK1RnVMBoxWSmBdfFNtrMAGlythhhrx/view?usp=sharing>

7th/8th Grade Band - Stars and Stripes Forever

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TnCSt4JLiE1f6ZwIZ-_2SF1HlyEqwWK6/view?usp=sharing

Here is a link for the students to sign up for their top three instrument choices. Please do not rent or purchase an instrument until we start school and meet with the students, try their top three choices, and help them select the instrument that will give them the most success. This form will also allow us to schedule your child for the band so that when school starts, it is already on their schedule. **Please fill out this form by Friday, July 4, 2025.**

<https://forms.gle/Uocv74WRYmT6hkN8>

If you have any other questions, please contact me at this email address: dennis.carter@tcusd2.org

Sincerely,
Dennis Carter
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