

## Greetings Potential New Band Members and Parents,

As Director of Band at New Lexington Schools, first, if you are taking the time to learn about the band program and help navigate your child through the recruitment process, I THANK YOU! Whether your child becomes a future welder, engineer, nurse, machinist or something that has not yet been thought of, my philosophy is that our band program's broader objective is to develop the many attributes that will help our students become successful and attain fulfillment in high school and beyond.



Through cultivating musical skills students will learn: self discipline, accountability, team work, navigating social and cultural differences, leadership development, performance and communication skills. I also believe that when students feel accomplished and have fun in band, it provides for some students a reason to get up and get to school.

### **STEP ONE**

I ask that a Parent/Guardian (and child if no conflict exists) to attend the **Beginning Band Parent Meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm.** This meeting will be held at the high school band room. At this meeting, I will review the Beginning Band Handbook. Recommended pathways to obtain a quality instrument and what to watch out for to protect your investment. CA House Music will also provide information about their services they provide at our school. \* Do know that in extraordinarily difficult financial circumstances, our band booster program may be able to help provide a school instrument at a very low fee.

### **STEP TWO**

Use the QR Code above to sign up for an available 15 minute fitting slot that best accommodates your family's schedule. Fittings will take place in the **NLHS band room on Thursday, May 15th.** Your child will get to work individually with an adult, vetted instrument specialist hired by CA House Music, to "test out" instruments that they may want to select as their band instrument for the upcoming school year. Most of the time, students leave the fitting and choose their instrument of choice. But under some circumstances, the instrument specialist will make an instrument recommendation or may suggest eliminating a particular instrument as a choice based on your child's physical make up. This is done in an attempt to place beginners on an instrument they will thrive on and truly enjoy learning to play. Parents/guardians are encouraged to come in, sit beside their child and view the fitting process.

### **STEP THREE**

Once you and your child decide that you wish to give band a go for the 2025-2026 school year. I need parents to officially sign their child up for 6th grade band class. You may do this in one of two ways. First, you may turn in the signed form at the end of the 6th grade hand book, to Mr. Fulk. Or, you may do it electronically, by using the following QR code.

Thank you!

Mr. Michael Fulk-NL Director of Bands

