

Dear students and parents,

Hello, and congratulations acceptance to Stanton College Preparatory School for next year! We are very excited to have you at our school and cannot wait for you to be here. I want to make you aware of the many opportunities for you to continue with band next year (and beyond!) here at Stanton.

Concert Band

This is the main band class at Stanton. This class meets during the school day to rehearse. In this class students explore band music both old and new, while focusing on developing the ability to play with good sound and technique. This band performs several concerts each year, including in school concerts and at the annual district Music Performance Assessment. This class requires a few after school rehearsals as concert performance dates draw near. Marching band participation is not a requirement for this class. Please note that there is a \$50 fee that covers transportation and food before performances for this class, as well as purchase of music and other supplies.

Marching Band

The marching band is the most visible part of Stanton's band program. and is open to anyone who has completed at least one year of study on an instrument. This band performs at football games, pep rallies, and more. Each year, students learn a halftime show that is performed at football games throughout the fall. In addition, students learn a great number of popular songs to play in the stands during games, as well as traditional songs like the Stanton Fight Song. This band meets after school during Marching Season to rehearse. These students also meet during summer camp held here at Stanton. During the camp students will learn the fundamentals of marching and our halftime show. Your Middle School Director should have a sheet with additional information concerning our summer schedule. Students participating in the marching band must also be a member of the concert band, unless they receive permission from the director which is given on a case by case basis. There is a \$275 fee that covers uniform, transportation, and food before performances, as well as music and other equipment purchases.

There are many other opportunities for students to take part in the program. These include participation in solo and ensemble festival, state and district honor bands, percussion ensembles, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and much more.

I am sure that you are excited about the upcoming year here at Stanton and I hope that you are just as excited about becoming a part of our band family/program! If you are interested in either program, please email me and let me know your name and instrument, along with email addresses you would like added to our mailing list. I look forward to working with you next year and hope to hear from you soon!

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