

O'Brien Band Newsletter

July 2023

Dear O'Brien Band Member,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope you are having a wonderful summer full of adventure and relaxation. I am excited to meet all our new band students this year and look forward to catching up with our previous O'Brien Lions.

Prideland Day – Monday, August 7, 2023

Monday, August 7 will be Prideland Day at O'Brien. This is an opportunity for students to obtain a draft of their schedule, tour the campus, acquire uniforms, turn in immunizations, and connect with a few of your teachers. It is also an opportunity for band students that are going to rent a school instrument to take care of that before school starts.

If you are a beginner, we can do your instrument fitting early! For the fitting we will have you try out a few instruments to see which one would be the best fit for you. If you and your family want to rent a school instrument, we can take care of this and set one aside for you.

If you are a veteran O'Brien Band member, you can rent your instrument and take it home early. If you have your own instrument already, please feel free to stop by and say hi!

We will also be doing rentals and fittings in class when school starts, so if you cannot make it to Prideland Day, do not worry! If you do attend, the band room is room 132 on the first floor. There is a one-time rental fee of \$50 for school rentals, but if your family has financial difficulties, we can create a payment plan or waive the fee. Families may also rent or purchase from a music retailer. If you have a family instrument that you already own, please make sure to get it checked out by a music repair shop like Blue Note B's or Absolute Music to make sure it functions properly.

Prideland Hours:

Last Name A – G: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Last Name H – P: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Last Name Q – Z: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Events

We are excited to announce the dates of some of our upcoming musical events. Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Salute to our Veterans Concert – Advanced Band Only, O'Brien Café, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Winter Band Concert – All Bands, O'Brien Café, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – Spring Band Concert, All Bands, O'Brien Café, 6:30 p.m.

Band Festivals for Intermediate and Advanced Band have not been scheduled yet.

Contact Info

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to introduce yourself, feel free to email the Band Director, Mrs. Melanie Fassbender, at mfassbender@washoeschools.net. See you soon!