



Riverwatch Middle School

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Fall Concert

Sixth Grade Band

October 10th, 2024

Selections from Essential Elements for Band

Did you know..

The Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City last year alongside Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and Brooklyn Wind Symphony.

The Riverwatch Symphonic Band performed at the 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. Performing at the State Conference is the most highly regarded invited performance in the state of Georgia.

Riverwatch had the most students from any single middle school make the 2024 All-State Band – 42 students total! This is the fourth consecutive year that Riverwatch has sent the most students to All-State Band from any middle school. The Riverwatch Band also had 100 students make the 2024 District IX Honor Band – for the fifteenth year in a row, this is the highest number from any school in the district.

The Riverwatch Band received the 2019 and 2022 Georgia Music Educators Association Exemplary Performance Award. This is the highest honor awarded by GMEA.

The Riverwatch Band was the 2017 recipient of The Sudler Silver Cup, presented by The John Philip Sousa Foundation. This is the highest honor a middle school band program can possibly achieve.

Riverwatch Band has been recognized on the international and national level by “The Midwest Clinic”, “National Band Association”, “Bands of America”, and the “National Foundation for Music Education”.



FAQ's

1. Is my 6th grader able to switch instruments?

Students who are interested in switching to bass clarinet, tuba, horn, euphonium, oboe, bassoon, alto saxophone, or percussion may "try out" for these instruments before or after school next week (October 16-19). We have handed out the form for this tryout in class. Sign-ups for times are posted on the band room wall. Students are responsible for filling out the instrument switch tryout form, attending the correct date/time, and communicating with their parent(s) about the information discussed in class. At the beginning of the second nine weeks, all instrument switches have concluded.

2. If my 6th grader is selected for a new instrument, where should I get the instrument?

All the local instrument rental companies will allow students to swap their instrument if they are placed on a new instrument. Students selected for tuba or bassoon will play school-owned instruments.

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 11th – 6th Grade and Symphonic Band Winter Concert
(7:00 pm in the RMS Gym)

Thursday, May 1st – 6th Grade Spring Concert
(7:00 pm in the RMS Gym)

If your student is interested in taking private lessons, see Riverwatch Band website for a list of instrument-specific private teachers.

Riverwatch Band Website

