

Percussion Newsletter

Quarter One

What's Happening This Quarter

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer! This year, my hope is to send out a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed about what is going on in the classroom, upcoming events, and reminders through the school year!

Due to a number of factors – percussionists will be starting back from the beginning to build a strong foundation of music theory skills, snare and mallet technique, and build an overall strong foundation for the year and beyond.

For those who are higher level:

please be patient as we start back at the beginning! Help your peers who need extra guidance!

What We Are Learning

Snare Technique and Foundational Skills:

students will be working on stick control, technique, and learning the 40 essential rudiments every drummer should know!

Resource: ([CLICK HERE](#))

Mallet Technique and Foundational Skills:

Note reading and mallet technique is something that I have noticed has gone on the back burner. This quarter students will be learning proper stick control, scales, and how to read music quicker in prep for concert repertoire!

Prepping for Bands of America:

Most of our concert percussionists are also in the drumline! We will be preparing for our yearly gig at the dome October 17th and 18th!

Students:

make sure you are practicing at home!

Contact me:

Email: Amber.rakeslps.org

ParentSquare: via private message

ParentSquare, FOCUS, and Teams

We have new ways of communication this year!

Please make sure both parents and students are in **FOCUS**

Parents/Guardians – ParentSquare will have a section where I can post announcements for each class, I will be utilizing that as well as emailing for performances and events this year.

Students – you should be added to your respective Teams pages! Reach out if that is not the case.

Drumline Updates

**Drumline practice every Wednesday
from 2:30 to 4:00pm
starting August 27th**

**MUST HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO
STAY - I am unable to stay past 4pm**