

## ***ANY QUESTIONS?***

Please feel free to contact our teachers at any time!

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You are also welcome to check out our websites to get an idea of what great things you can be a part of at Hill Middle School and Metea Valley High School.

[www.sites.google.com/site/hillmiddleschoolband](http://www.sites.google.com/site/hillmiddleschoolband)

[www.meteamusic.org](http://www.meteamusic.org)

***Music Lasts a Lifetime!***

In May 2014, *graduating seniors enrolled in music at Metea Valley High School* were provided an exit survey inquiring about their college and major choices as well as accepted scholarships. 117 students responded, revealing the following information:

### **College Choice**

- 55 different universities or colleges were represented.
- 1 United States Air Force Academy
- 1 United States Navy
- Big Ten Schools Represented: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin
- Other "selective" Institutions represented: Brigham Young University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western University, University of Chicago, DePaul University, DePauw University, Loyola University, Roosevelt University, St. Louis University, University of South Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Wheaton College

### **Choice of Major**

- 51 different majors
- Most popular majors were; Biology-Medical (11%), Education (11%), Undecided (10%), Engineering (9%)
- 7% of the survey respondents were planning to pursue a music related field as a major

### **Accepted Scholarship**

- Total accepted in scholarship money from the survey respondents: \$2.3 million
- Average scholarship money accepted by respondents was \$19,650
- 13% of the respondents received scholarship rewards of \$50,000 or greater

# **6th Grade Band and Orchestra at Hill Middle School**



*We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then, is not an act,  
but a habit.*

*-Aristotle*

# Band and Orchestra – What can I do between now and August?

We are so excited that your child has decided to play an instrument in the Band or Orchestra here at Hill. In 6th grade, your child will receive two different types of instruction during their band or orchestra class time. Each day, students will have their regular band/orchestra class, but periodically, they will leave this larger class to attend a small group, instrument specific technique class.

*In band/orchestra class we learn about:*

- Being a musician. Keeping the beat and moving together as a group.
- Music history, theory and cultural context.
- Ensemble concepts such as balance, blend, listening and contrast.
- Combining concepts and execution of skills for concert music preparation.

*In technique class we learn about:*

- Individualized instruction on the skills and techniques specific to different instruments
- Instrument-specific elements of musicianship

## How can I help my child succeed in band or orchestra?

### Expose your child to great music around us!

We are fortunate to live in a community that is rich with a variety of music. Look for opportunities to share those different forms with your child, whether through church, community performing groups, our schools or in the city. There is a wealth of great music out there for the interested listener!

## Live performances in our area

You can hear many groups play throughout the year in our area. Check websites for performances at places like [Grant Park](#) and [Ravinia](#).

Here are some in our own backyard:

- **Naperville Municipal Band**  
Concerts every Thursday at 7:30 pm throughout the summer at Central Park
- **Dupage Symphony Orchestra**  
Information about performances is available at [www.dupagesymphony.org](http://www.dupagesymphony.org)
- **Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra**  
Performances in Batavia & Aurora  
<http://www.foxvalleyorchestra.org/>



## Cool Websites to explore!

**Dallas Symphony Orchestra Kids** - recordings of many different instruments (click under "Listen" tab).

<http://www.dsokids.com>

**San Francisco Symphony Kids** - some samples of orchestra sounds. Games too!

<http://www.sfskids.org>

**The Broader Minded Movement** - See the non-musical benefits your brain gets from being involved in music.

<http://www.broaderminded.com/>

**Online Note Trainer**– start learning to read the notes on the music staff (click settings to choose your appropriate clef).

<http://classic.musictheory.net/82>