

## Summary from the Lamar Middle School 5th Grade Welcome Event

Band will not only teach your child to be a musician but will give you child a place to “hang their hat.” Band fosters a real sense of family and is a positive force on keeping students on the path to success. Band helps academics. We work on higher level thinking skills every day. As such, band students consistently score higher on all standardized testing: TAKS, SAT and ACT. At Marcus High School, the top 25 ranked students are mostly members of the band. In addition, college admissions offices put much value on a student’s commitment to a band, orchestra or choir program throughout their secondary education.

Band teaches: self-confidence, coordination, teamwork, comprehension, problem solving, discipline, art appreciation, logic reasoning, value judgment using symbols and leadership.

Band gives kids a place to belong and a great peer group to belong to, which should give you the parent peace of mind that they are in a safe environment where they are encouraged to make good decisions.

Your child will have the opportunity to be a key part of a high achieving student organization. The Lamar Middle School and Marcus High School Bands are very successful. Recently the Marcus HS Band won back-to-back Texas 5A State Marching Championships and this year won the High Music Award at the Band of America national competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Lamar MS Band is a Texas State Honor Band Finalist and recently won the National Wind Band Honors Recording competition.

If your child has any interest in studying music, Band is an excellent choice!

Thank You!

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