

# 2018-19 Cougar Band Wrap-Up!

## ✓ What Do I Do with My Instrument?

- All school instruments must be returned to the band room before summer begins.
  - If it is a tuba, euphonium, or French horn, you can drop it off in the office between 8-9:20am. The office is open in the summer!
  - If it is a smaller instrument, please have your child bring it to the band room.
- For returning Ainger band students that will need an instrument.
  - Instruments will be issued only after a summer instrument usage form has been returned signed and if the instrument is in working order.
    - Mr. Ostrow needs time to assess the condition of the instruments and to maintain/repair them with the local vendors. If your instrument is ready, you will be called at the number on your UAF and you can pick it up in the front office at Ainger. No instruments will be issued without a form.
    - If you lose the form that was provided in class, the usage agreement form can be found under “Forms” on our band website at [www.aingerband.org](http://www.aingerband.org).
- For students that need instruments in the LBHS Band:
  - Mr. Eyrich held an Icebreaker on May 17/18<sup>th</sup>. A school rental was provided for you.
  - If you missed it, you will need to contact Mr. Eyrich, director of bands, at [Philip.eyrich@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:Philip.eyrich@yourcharlotteschools.net)
- For students that are renting-to-own an instrument.
  - Keep your instrument over the summer. Your parents will continue making payments until you own it.
  - If you cannot continue to make payments, please e-mail Mr. Ostrow asap so he can help you return it. Mr. Ostrow will work to acquire a working school instrument (if available).

## ✓ What Can I Do This Summer with My Instrument?

- Practice your scales! Practice the band music posted to the website under News. This will be posted in June.
- Summer Camps will be posted to our band site at [www.aingerband.org](http://www.aingerband.org) where you can research and potentially register. A list is provided under the “News” Section.
  - If a camp requires a letter of recommendation, please e-mail Mr. Ostrow at [tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net)

## ✓ Students that are eligible for All-State:

- Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive information detailing what All-State is and how to acquire the materials to prepare for an audition in September.
- Students were selected based off of their band placement auditions (scale test).

## ✓ What Band Will I Be In Next Year?

- Every current band student completed an exit/retention slip and also conducted a private consultation with Mr. Ostrow about their musical needs.
- Students will be placed into the intermediate, advanced, and jazz band based on the following criteria:
  - Instrumentation.
  - Auditions, concert and rehearsal attendance, and classroom performance for the 2018-19 school year.
  - Student performance in “Core” classes.
    - A student with double math/reading might not be able to be placed in the ensemble of choice.
- Student Band placement will not be announced until students return for open house in August as there are MANY other factors regarding the school master schedule; however, a recommended placement list will be posted.

## ✓ In addition, we will be doing the following this week:

- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Pass-Off Make Up day for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Final day to complete auditions.
- Tuesday through Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Band Exams
    - Band exams were to attend the concert and rehearsal!
  - Empty lockers
  - Clean instruments
  - Receive summer music
  - Scheduling consultations

