



Leonard Herman Intermediate School and the AdVENTURE STEM Program

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Hello AdVENTURE Families!

Here at Herman, we are excited to be able to support the AdVENTURE students with a dynamic band program. Over the past few years, the zero period band class has grown as AdVENTURE doubled in size. A schedule change is necessary in order to provide the best educational experience for all AdVENTURE band students. Currently, we are packed into the band room with over 45 students! Unfortunately, this has led to many families being turned away from the band program. Also, there are three levels of band being taught within one class period. This model is not the best method with a large group.

In order to provide teacher-led and supervised ability-based instruction, the following schedule will be followed:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6th and 7th graders new this year to zero period band

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7th and 8th graders in their 2nd or 3rd year of zero period band

Both groups will meet in the cafeteria on Wednesdays for a combined rehearsal.

We understand a schedule change can be stressful for families balancing many schedules. We are going to start this new schedule starting on Tuesday, September 6th in order to give families time to plan accordingly.

Zero period band has been offered as an extracurricular 7th period of the day and is not a required class with required minutes. If you do not wish to continue in this optional class, then please notify Ms. Sullivan. Again, we hope this change will lead to a great learning environment and allow all interested 6th-8th grade students at AdVENTURE to participate in zero period band.

Regards,

Mrs. Meusel, Principal Herman Intermediate School and the AdVENTURE STEM Program

Ms. Sullivan, Band Director Herman Intermediate School and the AdVENTURE STEM Program

