

McConn Music

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Dear Parents of a Summer Band Camper,

I want to thank you for deciding to place your child in our hands for Summer Band At The Fort. The trust you have placed in myself and my staff is most appreciated and humbling. We consider it a very high compliment and even more a great responsibility. Because of this, we have made a decision that will likely be disappointing to you and your child but under the present circumstances we as a staff feel is necessary.

My staff and I met Tuesday evening to discuss recent changes in the Covid-19 situation. After much discussion it became very clear that as a whole, due to the recent uptick in positive tests and the increase in positives among children and young people, we as a staff are very reluctant to move forward with Band Camp.

I apologize for the lateness of this decision. While we were aware of a rise in positive tests, we were comfortable proceeding up through this past weekend. Recent developments have challenged our comfort. There was much concern about children and young people testing positive and not having symptoms. Because of this, there was a general concern about not being able to protect the campers and staff. There was a concern about having to close the building for cleaning if a student was diagnosed with Covid and losing camp days. This would lead to students not being able to get the experience for which they had signed up. There was also concern that if one of the teaching staff came down with Covid a suitable back up had not been found. Finally, we were also receiving contacts from parents who were expressing concern.

For these reasons we have decided to cancel the 2020 Summer Band Camp. I do apologize and ask your forgiveness for the inconveniences I know this will cause some of you.

We will begin processing refund checks this week. For those of you whose checks have not been deposited we will return them to you via the US MAIL. Beginning Parents, if you have already acquired an instrument for your child, Mrs. Pirzer and I are willing to do a one on one zoom meeting to help your child get started. Let us know if that is a desirable thing. For advanced students who would like a virtual experience we will be forwarding information on some free virtual camps,

Again, I do apologize. This was not a decision arrived at easily or lightly. Your understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Director McConn Music

Lori Pirzer

Co-Director Summer Band At the Fort