



Joel E. Ferris High School

Wind • Jazz • Percussion
Ben Brueggemeier ~ Director

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome! It is truly an honor for me to be opening my thirtieth year at Ferris! I am proud to be the head of the music program at Ferris. I hope you and your son/daughter are looking forward to continuing our rich tradition of excellence in music.

The information on the Annual Manual page of the band website has been compiled to assist you in your planning for the year. Being involved in music at Ferris means a wide variety of activities. The students in the program are always on the go. This information will help you as you work to negotiate the Ferris Band schedule with the rest of your lives.

There are so many fun and exciting activities in which to participate that I hope you find a way to get involved. If you look at the ensemble offerings (Who We Are/What We Do) in the band department, you will see a wealth of opportunity for every student. It is my hope that all the students will find a place he/she can call “home” while a member of the music department.

The Ferris Music Parents Association (FMPA) is a vibrant, active parent organization whose sole purpose is to help the students and directors of the music department organize and fund the activities and events of the year. The FMPA meets three times throughout the year – see the schedule and plan to attend!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Thurs. Sept. 10 at 6:30pm in Paul G. Brueggemeier Hall (the Ferris Auditorium) will be the eighteenth annual **MUSIC DEPARTMENT PARENT MEETING!** This is THE opportunity to ask questions, meet other parents, meet me and the other directors, and get information regarding the school year. All paperwork is due at the meeting as well!

MAKE SURE YOU *CHECK-IN* YOUR STUDENT!

This is how we communicate with you.

I look forward to a great year with your son/daughter. Please look through the Annual Manual page – there is a tremendous amount of information for you to see. **Also, please get all your information entered into the *CHECK-IN* document so we can communicate with you throughout the year!**

Make sure you do not miss the master schedule for all events and activities this year. I have challenged the students to get involved and stay involved in the music program and that same challenge is extended to the parents. The more involved in your son/daughter’s band experience, the more rewarding the payoff for you and your student. Again, welcome to Ferris. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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