

Dear Parents and Student,

Welcome to the Kennedale Wildcat Band Family! We are very excited to have you and your student join our program! We hope to give you all the information and resources needed to get your student started in the James A. Arthur 6th grade band program for the 2021-2022 school year. Based on the instrument selection process today, your student will be playing:

## ALTO SAXOPHONE

We will have an "Instrument Drive" night at JAA that will be held in the Cafeteria on **Thursday, April 8th from 4 PM to 9 PM.** As a service to our families, we have arranged for Ellis County Music Center to attend this event and assist you and your student in securing the needed instrument/supplies for the beginner band. There are multiple ways to purchase or rent an instrument on your own, using a reputable music store like Ellis County Music Center helps to ensure that you get the best quality instrument and supplies for your money. A KISD Band Director will be at this event to answer any questions about instrument purchases or rentals that evening. If your student plans to obtain an instrument outside of Ellis County Music, we ask that you have us view and approve of the instrument. Many instruments are sold on other websites or some retail shops that may have a very low price but are not quality instruments that your student will be successful on. Below is the recommended instrument and supply list for the Kennedale 6th grade band for your child's instrument:

### **Recommended Instrument & Supply List**

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Saxophone : Yamaha YAS-200AD          | Vandoren AL3 Mouthpiece (w/ rental from ECMC) |
| Rovner Ligature (w/ rental from ECMC) | Vandoren Blue Box 2.5 Reeds                   |
| Yamaha Cork Grease                    | Neotech Neck Strap                            |
| Reed Guard                            | Essential Elements Book 1                     |
| Cleaning Swab                         | Folding Wire Music Stand                      |

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All students in the beginner band will need to have their instrument and supplies by **September 1st, 2021.** This will ensure that we can get started on learning how to play an instrument as soon as possible after the start of school in August! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another great year with your child in the Kennedale Wildcat Band!

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