

# WELCOME BACK BAND STUDENTS!



- Whether you are back for your seventh year or just starting out, we welcome you to our band program. The U-Prep Bands consist of Prep Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, and Jazz Band.
- For those returning, it may be wise to dust (clean) off your instruments and see what you remember. Now would be a good time to see if there are any issues that need attention or repair. Make sure that you have all the supplies that you might need (oil, reeds, cleaning materials, etc...)
- For those joining us for the first time, now would be a good time to discuss your instrument preference with your family. If you already have/own an instrument that you enjoy, go ahead and plan for that. If you don't have an instrument or have never played an instrument, you will want to be thinking about your top 3 choices (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, etc...). While a band made entirely of flutes and drummers would be intriguing, it is not very practical so we ask for your thoughtfulness and flexibility through the placement process. :-)
- The school has several instruments to freely distribute, but not an unlimited supply. If you would prefer to rent or buy your own instrument (used instruments are a great value), please consider supporting any and all of the music stores in our community. For the sake of band instruments, I would suggest the Brass Reed (Tom Dodson – 243-3540) for the support/expertise they give. I have had a strong relationship with the Brass Reed for over 35 years. I highly recommend.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get a hold of me (**Brad Fowers**) by email (**[bfowers@suhsd.net](mailto:bfowers@suhsd.net)**). I look forward to seeing and hearing all of you very soon!