



# Welcome to the RMS Sixth Grade Band

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Dear RMS Sixth Grade Band Parents and Students

Welcome to Rotolo Middle School! This is going to be a very exciting year for you. The band teachers at RMS have been working very hard to enhance the band to make this the best band year EVER!

My name is Mr. Rob Buckley, and I will be your primary band teacher this year. I will be your rehearsal teacher and conduct you in the concerts. One of the great features of our RMS Music Program is that all teachers work together to teach the classes! Ms. Sherry Reiss (7th Grade Band teacher) and Mr. Keith Ozsvath (8th Grade Band Teacher) will be the primary lesson teachers, but Mrs. Kate Hillman (Chorus teacher) and Mr. Chris Griffith (Orchestra teacher) will also teach lessons as well!

I hope you had a fun summer. I had a very busy summer that included a trip to Michigan and Wisconsin, spending a week at the "Music for All" Band Camp at Ball State, and helping teach a graduate-level class for music teachers at NIU. Between all of these things, I performed with the Naperville Municipal Band, caught some Cubs games with my wife Melissa, and enjoyed being a dog dad to our two pooches Savannah and Addie.

You have been prepared very well for middle school band by Mrs. Hatfield. Band at RMS will be different than fifth grade in several ways. Daily Band, different types of lessons, the chance to perform in one of our jazz ensembles, and possibly performing a solo at our solo festival are just a few of the opportunities you'll have this year in band!

This is going to be a fantastic year of musical growth and fun! I plan on working very hard to make this a great year for you, and I expect you to work hard to be the best band teammate you can be. I can't wait to get this year started!

Sincerely

Mr. Rob Buckley

