

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the Brookville Area Jr./Sr. High School Bands,

Hello! My name is Mr. Kyle Grabigel, and I'm very excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Bands at Brookville Area Jr./Sr. High School! I'm looking forward to becoming a part of the Brookville community and school district.

Obviously, the district, program, and area are all very new to me, so here are a few things I want to make sure I communicate:

- Please keep your eyes on the Brookville Bands website, specifically this Home Page and the Calendar. This is where I will be posting updates on anything and everything, in addition to the communication chain between the Drum Majors-Section Leaders that is already in place.
- I'm coming up with questions and getting them answered gradually by Miss Owens, Dr. Stevenson, Mr. Hetrick, and the administration. I would be so appreciative of your patience during this transition time!
- I plan on trying to keep much of the program looking the same as it has in regards to schedule, logistics, and traditions. Please know that any changes I make are in the best interest of the students, program, and school as a whole. I may change something and not even realize it! I appreciate your understanding in advance.
- Marching Band: expect more details about Band Camp and the season on or around July 17.

Lastly, I want to stress how excited I am about being the Brookville Area Jr./Sr. High School Band Director. The 2nd round interview for this position involved rehearsing a group of Brookville Band students. I was absolutely blown away working with a band of 25 students with near full instrumentation who **volunteered their summer to come to school** and be part of the interview process. Their questions after the rehearsal were insightful and well thought out. Their passion for music was evident. Their personalities glowed. I know a big part of the reason those students were so great was because of the amazing job Dr. Stevenson did in teaching them. I am aware of the great legacy that Dr. Stevenson left at Brookville. Although I'm a different person, I have every intention of continuing the great things he did with the Brookville Bands. Thank you so much, and I look forward to meeting you!

With excitement,

Mr. Kyle Grabigel