**Gateway Band Homepage**

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year in Gateway Bands! My name is Mr. Morgan, and I teach 6th-8th grade Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra. I am very excited to welcome students back to Gateway. I graduated from Central Washington University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Music degree in Instrumental Music Education. I recently graduated from the University of South Florida in Spring 2020 with a Master of Music Performance degree. I started my teaching career in Everett Public Schools in 2012 and I taught Band and Jazz Band at Jackson High and Eisenhower Middle School before coming to Gateway Middle School in 2020.

We will continue to follow guidance by the Washington State Department of Health to ensure we are keeping students as safe as possible at all times and mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and other airborne diseases. Regularly updated guidelines will be included in the links on the left hand side of the page for your information and to help prepare your student for school. *Keep in mind that many things, including performances, are subject to change depending on State, Department of Health, and Everett Public Schools recommendations.*

**Students do not need to have their instruments ready to go for the first week of school. We will discuss instrument rental and check-out during class sessions.**

**Beginning Band students do not need to have an instrument yet, nor do they need to know what instrument they want to play! We will explore the different instruments and find the right one for you during class. If you would like to explore instruments early and take a quiz we will use in class to help you choose an instrument, click the following link and explore the following webpage to learn more about band:**

<https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/group/index.php?id=6598>

Please look through the links on the left for detailed information about the band program. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I will respond as quickly as I am able. I am so excited to begin this school year, and I'm looking forward to working with this year's excellent music students!

**Mr. Morgan**

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