

# HEROD MODERN BAND

The 2019-2020 Herod Elementary Modern Band will begin meeting every Thursday from 3:05-5:00 PM beginning September 19, 2019. All meetings will be in the Music Room (RM. 108). Below is the information regarding the expectations of participants in the Herod Show Choir. Once selected, each student will be required to return permission slips and teacher recommendations (provided upon time of selection).

**Modern Band** is a new school-based music program created by Little Kids Rock that utilizes popular music as its central canon. Styles that are studied include rock, pop, reggae, hip-hop, rhythm & blues, electronic dance music, and other contemporary styles as they emerge. At Herod, we hope to merge what we were doing with Show choir and take it a step further with the utilization of rock band Instruments!

## AUDITIONS

We will have only one day for Auditions, where no more than 30 students will be selected for the 2019-2020 Herod Modern Band. Auditions will be held Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 3:05-5:00 PM. Auditions will consist of matching pitch, group singing, and solo singing, and rhythm demonstration. Each student must prepare one of the following pieces for their individual audition: Edelweiss, Amazing Grace, to The Star Spangled Banner. This is a closed audition, and all students are expected to stay for the entire audition time.

## COST

The cost to join the Herod Modern Band is **\$30**. This fee will cover the cost to purchase a Herod Modern Band T-shirt, as well as aid in the purchasing of songs, props, and materials. Need-based scholarships are available and donations in excess of the fee are welcome. All checks should be made payable to Herod Elementary and are due prior to the first meeting September 19, 2019.

## GRADE EXPECTATIONS

Students who wish to participate in the Herod Modern Band must maintain a grade of at least a **B in all subject areas**. In addition, students must maintain at least an **S in conduct** in all areas. Students who fail to meet these requirements may be excluded from a performance or removed from the Band.

## TRANSPORTATION

Parents/Guardians will need to provide transportation to and from rehearsals and performances for their student. No student will be allowed to walk or bike home without expressed written consent. Notes should be emailed or given to Mrs. Hoevelman, prior to any changes. Parents/guardians who will be picking up their children are asked to do so promptly at the end of rehearsal. Students who are not picked up promptly will no longer be allowed to continue with rehearsals.

## REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 3:00 -5:00 PM Students must attend **ALL** rehearsals. Students may not miss more than 2 rehearsals without extenuating circumstances and/or prior consent of Mrs. Hoevelman. The Modern Band will meet in the Music Room (RM. 108) or on stage in the Multi- Purpose room for dress rehearsals.

## FUNDRAISER

There will be many opportunities for your student to participate in Modern Band fundraisers. The proceeds will go toward the 2018-2019 productions in way of costumes, set designs, and props. Further details will be given later in the year!