

# BUILDING BETTER BANDS

## Missouri Bandmasters Association

Welcome Back!!!

Brad Hudson MBA PRESIDENT



It is time for a new school year! Whether it is year one of teaching, year one at a new school, or year 24 (for me). The new school year brings the opportunity to establish your procedures, try techniques you learned at the summer convention, and just get a fresh start. Here is a list of 10 things I think would be helpful.

1. Thank your custodians for all of thier summer work. Bring them cookies.
2. Eat with your colleagues. Yes, we have a busy schedule but adult connections are incredibly important.
3. Encourage your students to do something hard. Audition for conference and district band, take a solo or ensemble. Then, HELP them prepare.
4. Set a schedule. When will you come and go? Don't beat the students out of the door at the end of the day and don't take pride in being the final car in the lot everyday.
5. Have a plan and share your plan with your students! I use planbook and do create lesson plans for most classes most days.
6. Intentionally plan time for yourself.
7. Plan your plan time!
8. Communicate with your band parents often. Their kids will NOT tell them what is going on.
9. Set boundaries for what you are willing to do on weeknds.
10. Family First!

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 4-26, 2024

State Audition window open

December 7, 2024

State Band Auditions

December 17, 2024

All-State Paperwork Due

January 14, 2025

All-State Payment Due

January 29-31, 2025

Missouri All-State Band

June 15-18, 2025

MBA Summer Convention

[Convention handouts, survey, and link to purchase recordings are linked HERE](#)

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