

Concert Band Expectations

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Class Rules

Give it your best
Own your behavior
Lead by example
Display your respect

Discipline Plan

1. Warning
2. Student will be moved and will continue the lesson in the new location
3. Student will back up their equipment and will be assigned a packet of music-related worksheets

Attendance

The Concert Band will perform in the stands for some CMS basketball games. There will also be a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. (in the CHS Auditorium) with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 1st from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (In the CMS Band Room); a Pre-MPA Concert on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. (in the CHS Auditorium) with dress rehearsals on 2/16, 2/18, 2/23, 2/25, and 3/2 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (In the CMS Band Room); and a Spring Concert on Thursday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. (in the CHS Auditorium) with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 14th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (In the CMS Band Room). In addition, there will be opportunities to perform at Solo and Ensemble, various Honor Bands, and Music Performance Assessment.

Please make attendance at all rehearsals and performances a top priority. Conflicts with rehearsals and performances will be handled on a case-by-case basis outside of class time. Parents/guardians are asked to call or email Mrs. Saunders to discuss absences no less than two school days ahead of time – the sooner you communicate, the sooner we can come to an agreeable solution.

Grading Procedures

Students will be graded on the following:

1. Daily participation and preparedness for class, activities, and performances (this includes, but is not limited to, having music, instrument in good working order, pencil, and all necessary accessories)
2. Properly storing equipment
3. Completion of all pass offs, theory assignments, and other activities that may come up throughout the year.

Financial Obligations

Each student will need the following:

1. An instrument and appropriate accessories (reeds, oil, mouthpiece, etc.)
2. A method book (*Sound Innovations* – Books 1 and 2)
3. Lyre (Mrs. Saunders will provide flip folders but it must have a way to attach to the instrument)
4. Concert outfit (see below)
5. Small umbrella or rain coat to leave in school locker – strongly suggested, but not required
6. Pencil
7. Band T-Shirt (\$10)

Uniform Requirements

1. Black band shirt
2. Blue Jeans (ankle length, no holes)
3. Closed toe shoes of your choice

Parent Expectations

The CMS Band runs almost exclusively on money that we raise. We will have several fundraisers and after school activities and performances. These events could not take place without assistance from our wonderful parents and guardians. Please make every effort to help whenever possible.

We will have a parent meeting Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30 via WebEx (link will be posted in our Schoology class) to answer any questions you may have. Please make a concerted effort to have every child represented by an adult.

Communication

There is always something going on in the CMS Band Program, so please stay informed by using the following tools:

1. Check your email
2. Sign up for Remind 101 (text @bandvets to 81010 or email bandvets@mail.remind.com)
3. Check the band website (www.cornermsband.com)

FYI: If you need anything for band, Art's Music Shop will be in the CMS Band Room on Thursday, September 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. You can discuss, rent, and/or purchase all of the required equipment that is necessary for band. This is instrument placement night for the younger folks, so if you are concerned they may not have what you need, you can call ahead and they will make sure to bring it.