



Woodland School *Band*



Handbook





Playing in the Band

There are many things to do in life,
The choices are quite grand.
But only a musician
Knows how it feels to be in the band.
To share a magical language and create a beautiful sound..
The chance to be an artist in a special way.
I've found my instrument is like a friend
Eager to come out and play.
The more time I spend practicing the better I can say
Those inner thoughts which fill my mind
Beyond the words I speak
Allow me to express myself in a way that's quite unique.
Each day I spend in band
I start to realize
Everything is possible
When seen through music's eye.
Knowing that bit of wisdom
I will now take a stand,
And pledge myself to excellence

By playing in the band.

~Tim Lautzenheiser

Dr. Tim is a former band director and internationally known motivational speaker.

Woodland School Band Program

Welcome! Congratulations on becoming a part of the Woodland School Band Program. I am really excited to be working with some of you for the first time, and many of you again! The new school year promises to bring exciting new music and challenges to each group.

General Information

Schedule

Students meet 2-3 times per week for band class. Because we do not meet every day it is important to practice at home to build upon and improve skills learned and to also build endurance for playing long passages/songs.

Beginning Band meets every M, W, & F during 6th block.

Cadet Band meets every M & W during 7th block.

Eagle Band meets every M, W, & F during 5th block.

Where do I store my instrument on band days?

Middle Village students may store their band instrument on the shelves in the middle village hallway.

6-8 Village students may store their band instrument on or the wooden shelves at the top of the theater steps or in their locker. Instruments are not to be left in the doorway or at the top of the steps.

****On non-band days, Tuesday and Thursday, band instruments should be at home for practice. Instruments may not be left overnight in the theater.**

Instrument Care and Maintenance

1. Your full name must be on your instrument case. It is a good idea to record the serial number and keep that number at home.
2. All instruments should be kept in good working order:
 - a. Woodwinds- You should have 2 working reeds at all times and they should be kept in reed guards. You should have cork grease and the appropriate swab to clean out your instrument after each use.
 - b. Brass- All brass players should have valve or slide oil. All tuning slides should be kept greased and should move freely. Mouthpieces should be cleaned with a brush once a week. You should give your instrument a luke warm bath at least once every 2 months.
 - c. Percussion- You should have at least one pair of your own drumsticks. When playing out of the method books you must have the appropriate instrument for the exercise.

3. Please do not keep your book or music in your case... unless there is a specific space for it. If there is no room for a book, putting it there will usually cause damage to the instrument.

4. Do not leave your instrument out in the theater, on a stand, or on a chair. Do not play another person's instrument. Only percussionists are allowed to move and play percussion equipment.

General Information Cont'd

5. Instrument Repair: If your instrument is not playing correctly, **have the instrument checked by Mrs. Terhune** before you decide to take it in for repair. Mrs. Terhune can fix minor repairs. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX A MAJOR INSTRUMENT REPAIR AT HOME!**

If you need a repair done contact:
Marshall Music-S. Airport Rd.
231-922-9503

The Marshall Music representative visits Woodland on Wednesdays when needed. If you are unable to return the instrument to the store please call to have the representative come pick it up from school.

Unless it is an emergency, any major repairs should be done over a vacation if possible. If you need a repair during the weeks leading up to a concert please ask them to give you a loaner instrument if the repair is going to take awhile. Do your best to miss as few band classes as possible while your instrument is being fixed.

Band Grading Policy

Being a member of the band involves responsibility to the band as a group, and to each of the individuals who make up that group. Attitude and effort are as important as the ability to perform. Practice outside of band is also extremely important, especially since we do not meet everyday.

Band students will be graded in the following categories:

- Attitude and effort
- SmartMusic assignments
- Weekly & Monthly playing tests
- Concert preparation/classroom participation
- Concert attendance

1. Attitude and effort: The band is a team, and as a team member your behavior and performance affects everyone around you. You not only depend on others in the band, but they depend on you too! Having a good attitude and putting forth effort in class will positively affect the whole band!
2. SmartMusic assignments: Students will complete their playing assignments using SmartMusic, a music software program. These individual playing assignments are done to make sure all students have mastered various notes,

rhythms, and playing skills. All students need a SmartMusic account to complete their assignments.

3. **Weekly & Monthly playing tests:** Students will be required to play a short piece or excerpt for Mrs. Terhune on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Practice is essential for one to pass the playing test.
4. **Concert preparation/classroom participation:** Students must come prepared to each class with their instrument, book and/or music, and a pencil in order to participate in the class.
Also, the daily activities in band class all strengthen the students' playing skill and musical knowledge. Participating in each activity helps build a musical foundation which they will need to prepare their concert music.
5. **Concert Attendance:** Concert attendance is **required**. There are 3 concerts per year. A concert is the equivalent of taking a final exam. The band prepares all trimester for this culminating event. If you know ahead of time (more than 2 weeks prior to the concert) that you have a conflict, please notify Mrs. Terhune. Missing a concert without notification will result the student receiving **NO CREDIT** for that trimester. Illnesses and family emergencies will be excused.
Concert attire: Black (or dark) bottoms, white (or light) shirt & nice shoes.
6. **Extra credit:** You can earn extra credit by attending a concert (show program or ticket), musical activities such as playing in church, or taking private lessons.

At-Home Practice

Daily practice is essential for each and every band student.

This...

- Beginning Band- 10 min/day 5x per week
- Cadet Band- 15 min/day 5x per week
- Eagle Band- 20 min/day 5x per week

...should provide sufficient time for proper development.

If you can provide a quiet place where your child will be uninterrupted, he/she will develop correct practice habits that will last a lifetime. Good ventilation, a straight chair, a music stand, and adequate light will all help to insure success.

Each student should practice the recommended times listed above. If everyone is practicing individually at home, then rehearsal time can be used more effectively.

Contact Information:

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My Band Responsibility

I, _____, have read the Band Handbook and understand my responsibilities as a Woodland Band student. I understand that I will ALWAYS need my instrument, book, music, and a pencil to participate in class.

Also, I have read the Concert Schedule and understand that concert attendance is a requirement of this class.

Signed,

Student _____

Parent _____