

Beginning & 2nd Year Band Syllabus

Overview: Designed to teach beginning band members the fundamentals of reading music and playing an instrument. There is no previous experience or knowledge required for this class, only a willingness to participate and have fun.

Outside of School Requirements: There are almost no “outside of class” activities at this level of band. The majority of our year will be progressing through their method book, and preparing for Fall and Spring Concerts. If available in the Spring we may compete individually or as a group at Solo or Group Competitions. Ample notice will be given if these events occur.

Instrument: Each student must have an instrument and a method book in order to participate. If a student already has an instrument, they can purchase their book from a music store or they can purchase it through the school. If the student needs an instrument we recommend a rent to own program from one of our music stores. This allows an affordable monthly payment, and some flexibility if for some reason there is a problem with that choice.

Band Shirt Required: We will be taking sizes and having all the kids get Band T-Shirts this year. For the 1st and 2nd Year Students, this will be what they wear on our Concerts, any band activities, or trips. The cost is \$15.00 a shirt and they can be purchased at any point before the first performance but we will take orders for anyone who wants additional shirts at the beginning of the year.

Communication: Most of our communication will be through an app called Band App. It's similar to Facebook but in a much more private setting. It allows us to make posts, and for parents and students to comment on those posts, as well as send us private messages. It also has a calendar. We encourage every student and parent to sign up, sending home notes is so often unreliable, and this way the information posted can always be referred back when needed. You can follow the links below to register. If you do not want the app on your mobile device, you can also access Band App from a computer.

Beginning Band Link: <https://band.us/n/a5af59q1wcWch>

2nd Year Band Link: <https://band.us/n/a0ad56q5X2l2q>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Kristy or myself and we will be happy to help you with anything we are able. Looking forward to a GREAT YEAR and meeting your students!

Sincerely,

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