



# BAND HANDBOOK *and* SYLLABUS

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND

[www.cmsmustangband.com](http://www.cmsmustangband.com)

### OBJECTIVE *of the* CMS BAND PROGRAM

- ♪ To study, listen to, and perform quality music, including various genres from classical to popular while developing personal and social pride, discipline, and teamwork.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS *See the "Instrument and Supply List" for more details.*

*All instruments and music are to be taken home daily, no exceptions!*

1. Instrument with name clearly labeled on the case
2. Reeds (clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon)
  - a. Keep at least 3-4 reeds on hand at all times! Vandoren Traditional Reeds size 2.5 or 3 for clarinet players and La Voz size Medium or Medium Hard for saxophone players. Purchase reeds online for lower prices, [www.wwbw.com](http://www.wwbw.com).
3. Cleaning supplies/Valve oil
4. Music and Band Book in folder (Included in Band Fee)
5. Pencils (Please bring 2 packs of pencils to school to be left in class)
6. Flip folder and music lyre (Purchased at local music store)
7. Music Stand (Optional)
8. \$35.00 Band Fee

**SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS:** May be assigned on a case-by-case basis. Students are responsible for these instruments at all times and are expected to return them in the same condition they were issued. The school will be responsible for general repair work caused by normal wear and tear; however, damage due to negligence will be the responsibility of the student.

### UNIFORMS

To be worn at all performances and football games.

1. CMS Band polo shirt (available for \$20.00)
2. Black dress slacks (NO BLACK JEANS)
3. Black long socks
4. Black shoes (closed toe)

### GRADING POLICIES

Each student's grade is a combination of four components:

1. **WEEKLY PRACTICE CHARTS** – 25% - Average of weekly practice reports out of 100 minutes. The charts are to be turned in on **the first day of band class each week** with a parent's signature.
2. **QUIZZES** – 25% - Average of playing and written quizzes.
3. **DAILY PREPARATION** – 25% - Average of bi-weekly preparation grades out of 100 (-15 no music, -20 no instrument/reeds).
4. **REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES** – 25% - Average of performances and rehearsal grades.
  - A. **Rehearsals:** 100 points each. The after-school rehearsal schedules will be posted online and e-mailed far in advance. *Attendance is mandatory at all rehearsals.*

B. **Performances:** 200 points each. Attendance is mandatory at all performances.

**Attendance Policy:** *The only excusable absences are prearranged school conflicts and those that would be excused by the school for regular attendance records, i.e., illness or a death in the family.* Individual needs will be addressed as they occur. **For absences notify** the director in advance *in writing*. For illness, submit a parental note or doctor's excuse when you return to school.

**NOTE:** Football players, cheerleaders, mascot, and dance team members are excused from football game performances. Cheerleaders and dance team members are excused from the Christmas Parade as they perform on their own.

**Conflicts with Band:** Students are allowed to participate in whatever sports teams and in any organization CMS has to offer. However, *resolving conflicts between band and other activities or events is the responsibility of the student.* If there is a conflict between a band rehearsal and a CMS athletic game, an excuse **may** be granted with advance notice.

**After-school Rehearsals/Pick-up Policy:** All school rules apply during after-school rehearsals. For the safety of your child, please drop-off/pick-up students promptly. Students must remain in the band room until picked up.

## CLASSROOM RULES *and* CONSEQUENCES

### CLASSROOM RULES:

1. No talking when the teacher is working.
2. On a rehearsal cut-off, all playing stops.
3. Do not touch any instrument that is not your own.

### CONSEQUENCES:

1. 30 minute after-school detention

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ♪ Rental or Purchase of an Instrument and supplies (mouthpieces/reeds/oils/drum sticks/etc.)
- ♪ Band Polo (\$20.00 due no later than August 21<sup>st</sup>), check made out to the CMS Band Boosters
- ♪ Band Fee (\$35.00 due no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>), check made out to the CMS Band Boosters
- ♪ District Fees (i.e., Solo & Ensemble \$5 will be collected close to the time of the event)
- ♪ Flip folder and lyre (purchased at a local music store)

## COMMUNICATION

Please check [www.CMSMustangBand.com](http://www.CMSMustangBand.com) for the most up-to-date information. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, [katie.codina@apsb.org](mailto:katie.codina@apsb.org). We will also send out e-newsletters for upcoming events, meetings, announcements, and fundraisers.

Don't forget to add us on Remind101!

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- ♪ Text @**cmband7** to 81010 or (225) 443-1109
- ♪ E-mail **cmband7@mail.remind.com**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- ♪ Text @**cmband8** to 81010 or (225) 443-1109
- ♪ E-mail **cmband8@mail.remind.com**

# HANDBOOK & SYLLABUS RECEIPT 2015-2016

Due by Friday, August 14

*We have received the CMS Band Handbook and Syllabus and understand its contents. We have marked our calendars with the performance dates and understand the consequences of missing a performance or rehearsal.*

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Print Student's Name

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Student's Signature/Date

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Grade

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Class

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Print Guardian's Name

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Guardian's Signature/Date

*Please provide e-mails for any guardians that would like to receive e-mail updates (**please provide at least one**):*

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**Parent #1 Name**

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Phone Number

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E-mail 1

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E-mail 2

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**Parent #2 Name**

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Phone Number

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E-mail 1

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E-mail 2