



CMS BAND HANDBOOK *and* SYLLABUS 2016-2017

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!

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.wvbw.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. Music Stand (Optional)
7. \$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.**

UNIFORM *To be worn at all performances.*

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

GRADING POLICIES

Each student's grade is a combination of attendance at performances and rehearsals, daily participation, playing tests, quizzes, and at home practice assignments. ***Attendance is mandatory at all performances and rehearsals. Please bookmark the band calendar <http://www.cmsmustangband.com/calendar.html>.***

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 by the band room. Students must remain in the band room until picked up.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ♪ Rental or Purchase of an instrument and supplies
- ♪ Band Polo (\$20.00 due no later than August 19th), check made out to the CMS Band Boosters
- ♪ Band Fee (\$35.00 due no later than August 19th), check made out to the CMS Band Boosters
- ♪ District Fees (i.e., \$5.00 for Solo & Ensemble, \$10 for Honor Band Auditions will be collected close to the time of the event)
- ♪ Participation in fundraiser(s)

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

Cell phones, gum, uniform violations, excessive tardiness, and major infractions that are school rules will result in office infractions/write-ups.

PRIVATE LESSONS/TUTORING

Private lessons are an option that must be explored! Lessons teachers are able to work with students one-to-one and address individual student needs. If a student is interested in going out for honor band auditions or solo and ensemble festival, lessons are highly recommended. Lessons are available at the local music stores and at school. Teachers set their own prices, but are usually \$15-20/half hour once a week. You will be informed what teachers will be offering lessons at school this year.

Ms. Codina does provide free tutoring occasionally when her schedule allows. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the band room when times are available.

COMMUNICATION

Please check www.CMSMustangBand.com for the most up-to-date information. The best way to contact me is via e-mail, 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 Remind, a free text messaging service!

- ♪ **6th Grade:** Text @cmband6 to 81010 or (225) 443-1109
- ♪ **7th Grade:** Text @cmband7 to 81010 or (225) 443-1109
- ♪ **8th Grade:** Text @cmband8 to 81010 or (225) 443-1109
- ♪ **Band Camp:** Text @cmbandcamp to 81010

CMS BAND HANDBOOK *and* SYLLABUS RECEIPT

2015-2016

Due by Friday, August 19

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.

I understand that as a part of the CMS Band Program, my child will be a part of photographs/videos/audio recordings used for the purposes of recruitment, publicity, and historic preservation. I grant the CMS Band Program the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/videos/audio recordings made of my child at all CMS Band activities, and I hereby release the CMS Band, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videos/audio recordings without limitation at the discretion of the CMS Band Program, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

As a part of the CMS Band Program, all students are required to participate in fundraisers to help pay for expenses associated with being a part of the band (i.e., music, equipment, field trips, concerts). All students will be required to participate in our annual World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser and sell at least one box of chocolate.

I grant my child permission to participate in the fundraiser(s).

I DO NOT grant my child permission to participate in the fundraiser(s). By checking this option, I understand that I will be charged a \$60 "opt-out" fee.

Print Student's Name & Grade

Student's Signature/Date

Print Guardian's Name

Guardian's Signature/Date

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

Parent #1 Name

Phone Number

E-mail 1

E-mail 2

Parent #2 Name

Phone Number

E-mail 1

E-mail 2