

Jr. High Band

Mr. Taylor

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Jr. High band is a time for exploring intermediate characteristics of the elements of music through instruments. We will be learning more about how the individual parts of the band work together, why our instruments play in or out of tune, and will have a chance to perform solos or in small groups for critiques. We will perform on three required concerts, see below. Concerts serve as rewards for the time and practicing you put into this class; after all, how many times do people clap for your science test? ***There will be two options for meeting the individual requirement:*** you may either take private lessons through a private teacher (I have contacts if needed), or complete assigned practice logs.

Room Plans:

1. Enter classroom and assemble instrument; return case to locker.
2. Go to seat with instrument and prepare your music, in order on board. Got a pencil?
3. Individual warm-up on scales or exercises of your choosing.
4. No food or drink in the band room except water at your chair.
5. Respect others, their space, and their instruments. If it isn't yours, don't play on it.
6. No talking while rehearsal is in progress.
7. When dismissed, return instrument and music to case, see you tomorrow!

Grading per nine weeks:

Playing Tests on prepared music	40 pts
Rehearsal grade (weekly)	20 pts
Practice: (Logs or Lessons exemption)	20 pts
Performances (12/12, 4/27, 4/29)	75 pts

Infractions! Don't do this!

Chewing gum or food (-2)

No instrument or music (-4)

Talking (-1) (repeated talking 2x)

Not in seat warming up at the bell (-1)

No pencil on stand (random pencil checks are given!) (-1)

Cell phone out, on stand or in use (-4)

Newton Band Calendar 2023-24

EVENTS IN CAPITAL ARE REQUIRED ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES.

DATE	EVENT	EVENT TIME
12/12	HOLIDAY CONCERT (6-12 Bands only)	7pm
1/20-21	<i>High School & Jr High District Honors Band</i>	ALL DAY
Mar. 8 or 9	High School Concert Band District Contest	TBD
Apr. 26 or 27	High School Concert Band State Contest	TBD
4/27	JR HIGH BAND CONTEST & KING'S ISLAND TRIP	ALL DAY
4/29	SPRING CONCERT (Grades 5-12)	7:00pm
5/13	Annual Music Awards Banquet & Carry-In	6pm
5/27	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (ALL 7-12 Band)	9am (10:30)

Note: All times are event start times and do not reflect report times for members.

A full calendar schedule can also be viewed on the newtonmusic.org website.

Items in *italics* are optional performance opportunities.

Performances

Our three concert performances are required participation as a member of our ensemble. Make-up assignment for the excused absence due to wedding/funeral/illness include solo playing your concert music for assessment before or after school with Mr. T and completing a written assignment. Your absence can affect all of the members of our group, so please be present.

What is Remind?

Remind is a messaging system that I use to send out occasional reminders to students, parents, and anyone that enrolls to the group. I use this program sparingly, so please sign up following instructions below.

Thank you!! Looking forward to a great school year!

Mr. Taylor

----- cut off here and turn in by Friday!-----

Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

(Please complete these two tasks as you check them off)

I have received the performance schedule, have marked concert dates on our calendar and will keep them open of all obligations.

We have enrolled in the Remind app for occasional reminders about concerts, assignments, and band events. *text the message @newton78 to number 81010 to be enrolled.*

My student will be achieving the individual practice credit through

Private lessons (30 min/2x monthly)

or

Class practice log assignments: Q1-4; Q2-5; Q3-6; Q4-4