

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 weekly practice logs. Homework accounts for 20-30% of the overall grade.

Room Procedures:

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. Warm-up on scales 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. At all times, raise your hand and be recognized before speaking.
7. No talking while rehearsal is in progress.
8. When dismissed, return instrument and music to case & locker, see you tomorrow!

Grading per nine weeks:

Solo quizzes (1 per quarter)	40 pts
In-class participation/effort/attitude (weekly)	20 pts
Homework: Lessons or Log completion	20 pts
Concerts (12/13, 5/1, and 5/7)	75 pts

Infractions! Don't do this!

Chewing gum or food (-2)

No instrument or music (-2)

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 (-5)

Performances

All three performances are mandatory. 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 potential absence hurts all of the members of our group, so please be present.

Dates:

Monday, December 13, 7:00PM

Holiday Concert

Sunday, May 1, 3:00pm

Spring Concert

Saturday, May 7 (All day)

Competition and King's Island

What is BAND?

BAND is a group app that members can use to send out brief reminders to students, parents, and anyone that enrolls to the group. Students/parents can ask questions and answer each other as well. Reminders will consist of concert reminders. I use this program sparingly, and only for important messages.

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

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

Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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

Yes! I have received the performance schedule and have marked concert dates on our calendar and will keep them free of avoidable conflicts.

We have enrolled in the BAND app for occasional reminders about concerts, assignments, and band events. (type <https://band.us/@newtonjrhighband> into your browser or in the app find group "Newton Jr High Band")

My student will be achieving the "homework" credit through

Private lessons (30 min/2x monthly)
or
 Weekly Practice logs

