

August 31, 2022

Welcome to all in the Bath Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band members. We are looking forward to a great school year and have many exciting musical events planned for our middle school band members. All crucial information such as the band handbook, concert reminders, after school rehearsals are included.

Enclosed you will find:

Band Performance Calendar

Rules and Procedures

**After School Rehearsal Schedule
Uniform**

Instrument Care/ Band

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Parent/ Student Contract

Grading Policy

Please make sure to read through all the material with your child and fill out and return the bottom portion of the Parent/ Student Contract to Mrs. Snyder/ Mr. Hanhold no later than Friday, September 3, 2021.

We look forward to having a successful musical year with all students and parents. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Snyder/ Mr. Hanhold at school through phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Musically yours,

Mrs. Snyder

Mr. Hanhold

Band Director

Asst. Band Director

2022 - 2023

Bath Middle School Band Calendar

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL PERFORMANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED!

-Wednesday, September 7

6th Grade Band Parent-Student Meeting and Instrument Fittings

Required for 6th Grade Band Parents/Students

High School Auditorium 6pm

(6th Grade Only)

-Friday, September 30

Homecoming 'Script Bath' performance

HS Football Stadium 7pm, Report time will be 5:30pm

7th and 8th grade only

-Monday, December 5

Winter Holiday Concert ***All Band Members***

Middle School Gym 7pm, Report time will be 6:30pm

-Monday, March 13

Spring Concert ***7th & 8th grade band only***

Middle School Gym 7pm, Report time will be 6:30pm

-Saturday, March 25th

OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble ***Not required, but encouraged***

Elida Middle School (7th and 8th graders only), Times TBD

-Monday, May 8

Band-O-Rama Concert ***All Band Members*** High School Gym 7pm, Report time 6:30pm

Extra School Band Rehearsals

-Monday/Tuesday, September 26/30

2:20-3:20pm (during school)

HS Football Stadium

-Monday, May 8

2:20-3:20pm (during school)

HS Gym

Bath Middle School Band Attendance Policy

Band is a team effort that requires each member's dedication, hard work, and commitment to be successful. If a student misses a performance, he/she has missed the opportunity to contribute to the team and its success. Students must attend all required performances and rehearsals. If a student misses a required event, documentation must be provided prior to the event by parents/guardians explaining the nature of the absence. *If the absence is considered excused, the student will have the opportunity to complete a make-up assignment for their portion of the concert grade that will include, but is not limited to, a paper and individual performance of their band music. If the absence is considered unexcused, the student will receive a zero for that performance grade.*

Examples of Excused Absences

Personal Illness (documentation required)

Family Emergency (documentation required)

Examples Unexcused Absences

Transportation

"I forgot"

Other commitments (sports, parties, etc.)

Band Uniform

Concerts: Sunday dress (**no jeans, athletic wear, or casual footwear**)

Band Rules

The following are guidelines to a successful rehearsal. The student who violates these rules is responsible for reducing the amount of time for rehearsal and consequently hurting the entire band.

1. Be prepared for class! Have your instrument, folder, pencil, accessories, and planner with you every day! The order of rehearsal will be on the board every day!

2. Respect the rights, safety, and property of others:
 - a. Absolutely NO PLAYING until we play as a group
 - b. Do not talk during rehearsal. If you have a question, please raise your hand.
 - c. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
 - d. No gum, food, or drink in the band room. (except water)
3. Accept responsibility for yourself and your learning.
4. Be a responsible citizen and obey all school rules.

Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Student conference
3. Parental contact/ conference
4. Office referral

Severe disruption: Immediate office referral

Instrument Requirements

Every member of the Bath Middle School Bands is responsible for proper equipment in daily rehearsals. The following are required and must be in your case or on your stand every rehearsal:

Woodwinds:

Flute: Cleaning rod, soft cloth

Clarinet: Four playable reeds, reed case, mouthpiece cap

Saxophone: Neck strap, four playable reeds, reed case, mouthpiece cap

Brass:

All brass players are required to have valve oil on their stand at every rehearsal. You are also responsible to have all of your slides in working condition.

Percussion:

All percussion players are responsible to have the correct mallets/ sticks at every rehearsal.

Clarinet/Saxophone Reeds:

Van Doren or Rico (Traditional) 2, 2 ½, or 3

- Please ask directors before purchasing reeds so that we can determine which reed will be suitable for your specific needs

- Supplies can be purchased through rettigmusic.com, click on shop, then Bath Local Schools. Supplies can be delivered to school (free of shipping) through our Rettig representative.

Grading Policy

Letter grades will be given in band and will be determined from the following areas:

Playing/Rhythm/Written Testing:

100 points each

Bath Middle School Band students will be tested several times in any nine week grading period.

Playing tests will be assigned several days in advance and will usually consist of lips slurs, scales, and a musical passage or etude from the method book that emphasize what the students are learning in class. Students must be prepared to perform their playing tests on the assigned day. Students will always have the opportunity to perform re-takes to improve their playing test grade.

Rhythm tests will be given frequently throughout each grading period. Rhythm testing is designed to evaluate the students' understanding of rhythms in various time signatures. Written testing will consist of any musical terms we are studying. Written testing is designed to evaluate the students understanding of musical terms and musical concepts that we are studying in class.

Class Participation

10 daily points

Students will receive daily participation points for being prepared for class. This includes having all materials: instrument, playable reeds, valve/slide oil, mallets/ sticks, music folder, method book, and pencil. Students will lose points if any of the above materials are missing from daily rehearsals.

Concert/ After School Rehearsal Attendance

100 points each (concerts weighted twice as much)

1. Band is a music performing class, with most performances taking place outside of the school day. Since students elect to take band, we expect that students will participate in all of the performances. This includes evening performances AND weekend performances.
2. Performances are one component of your child's grade. If a student misses a performance, he/she misses the points for that activity.
3. Students will have a make-up assignment for an excused absence ONLY!
4. An unexcused absence will result in a zero for that grade.

Bath Middle School Band Parent-Student Contract

- As band is an elective course, inappropriate behavior may be cause for removal from the band program at any time. The band directors reserve the right to hold a conference with any parent and student regarding behavior.
- Band students will be evaluated in the categories of playing/rhythm/written evaluation, daily participation, and concert attendance.
- Band is a performance course and all band members will be required to attend after school rehearsals and concerts throughout the year. Participation in these concerts is MANDATORY! Failure to attend a performance could result in a "F" for the nine-week grading period. The music programs at Bath focus on building a team of musicians and only when every member of the band puts forth a 100% effort can a band attain its goals in musical achievement and service to the community.

Band Student Responsibilities

- I am responsible for practicing a minimum of 20 minutes, 2 days a week.
- I am responsible for listening carefully in lessons, writing down instructions, and completing my assignments in a timely manner.
- I am responsible for attending all band rehearsals and lessons with my instrument, accessories, band book, pencil, and a positive attitude.
- I am responsible for following directions the first time given, playing my instrument only when instructed, and not playing when the band director is talking.
- I am responsible to come to all rehearsals and concerts on time, properly dressed, and prepared with my instrument and folder.
- I am responsible to treat my instrument with care and respect, clean my instrument regularly, and take proper care of it.
- I am responsible for playing only my instrument and not playing instruments that do not belong to me.

BATH MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Bath Music Association is always looking for extra volunteers and help, many times our communications do not make it home for a variety of reasons. Please complete this form to indicate the capacity you desire for helping our music programs. The phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child" is especially true to continue having one of the best music programs in our area.

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW/ FILLING OUT THE ATTACHED PAGE:

<https://forms.gle/na5NM5D7863Vcs4DA>

Find our Social Media Presence:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bathbandchoir/>

Instagram: @bathtraditionofexcellence

Twitter: @bathbandchoir

Band YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkpP_vMOZK7Tw9uSG3wd2xA/videos

Choir YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn8GDQRUJ5ikyIDjNG417Q/featured>

To add a Music Google Calendar to your phone/tablet:

- Choose which calendar you would like to add.
- Using a computer, click on the link below the chosen calendar.
- In order to get the calendar to sync to your phone/tablet you must first access the calendar through a computer.

- **MUSIC MASTER CALENDAR:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=YmF0aHdpbGRjYXRzLm9yZ180cTNvc3AwdnBjNnAyY2ZoNm5waXZiOTMzOEBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

- **HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=YmF0aHdpbGRjYXRzLm9yZ19va2VsZjMzdDhsa2c5dWF0aG83aTVuN2ZINEBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

- **HIGH SCHOOL BAND:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=YmF0aHdpbGRjYXRzLm9yZ18wczRucTJ1djF1a3JyZzhkZnZkcDE0cjV0Y0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND & CHOIR:**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=YmF0aHdpbGRjYXRzLm9yZ19kcGt1aGtzcjVrZDNxM2g3YXFmNTRqcW5za0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

**FOR A HANDBOOK COMPLETION GRADE, PLEASE
FILL OUT THE HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FORM:**

<https://forms.gle/sJTqMFWB6YCNvVCS8>