

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band “At a Glance” 2023-2024

### Required Concert Performances

Wednesday, October 18, 2023	Fall Spooktacular, <b>HS Gym</b> , 7pm
Monday, December 11, 2023	Winter Concert, <b>HS Auditorium</b> , 7pm
Saturday, January 20, 2024	District Chamber Music Showcase, BHS, times TBD (7:30am-5pm)
Monday, March 11, 2024	Mid-Seasons Concert, <b>HS Auditorium</b> , 7pm
Monday, May 6, 2024	Spring Concert, <b>HS Auditorium</b> , 7pm

\*Dates and times are subject to change, and performances may be added, but not without 4 or more weeks notice.

### Additional Required Performance Activities

Friday, September 22, 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Night with the Marching Eagles the home football game - required for all 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Saturday, April 20, 2024	District-Wide Marching Band at the Sugar Maple Festival - required for all 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

### Important Dates (NOT required, but highly encouraged):

Wednesday, August 23, 2023	Band Open House/lesson signup at 7pm, Middle School Cafetorium
Monday, February 5, 2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (introduction to high school music offerings), BHS Band Room, 6pm
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Ice Breaker at BMS, 2pm-4pm – required for students who plan to participate in the 2024 Marching Eagles, or are still trying to decide!

### Performance Attire:

Students must wear black and white dress clothes. Boys must wear black dress pants, black dress socks and shoes, and a white dress shirt (long-sleeved) with a dark neck tie. Sneakers and black jeans are NOT acceptable. Girls must wear nice black slacks/dress pants and a white blouse or sweater. Yoga pants/leggings are not acceptable. Black stockings/socks and dress shoes must accompany the outfit. No large jewelry, please!

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## **Class Materials**

- Instrument
- Instrument accessories
- Pencil
- Lock for locker - provided by school
- Black 3-ring binder
  - Assigned music
  - Lesson material
  - Scale sheets
  - Chamber music
  - Anything else we pass out that's music related!

## **Grading Guidelines - 3 Ps for your daily grades**

- Preparedness
- Participation
- Positive attitude

...also PERFORMANCES! These are required. Unexcused absences result in a TWO letter grade reduction for the nine weeks. Please clear your calendar NOW and tell your coaches etc. about your schedule in advance!

## **Private Lessons**

As always, private lessons are available during class and during Eagle on every instrument. Sign ups are on-going, but please attend our BAND OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, August 23 to meet the teachers and get your name on their list!

## **Cell Phones**

If we see this in your hand before, during, or after class, you will receive a detention. The band room is no different than the rest of the school in that way!

## **Care of the room**

- No food, gum, or beverages in the band room, other than capped water
- Keep your locker CLEAN!
- Store only band related stuff in your locker
- Be responsible for all the things that belong to you - clean up after yourself every day!