

EMS Band Hand Book 6th Grade

Dear Students and Parents,

This packet is to give you information about the 6th grade band for the 2007/08 school year. If you have any questions please call me at 867-7430 ext.3522

Class Information

Band will meet during the school day in the afternoons. Students will come to band during their music class when it meets. If a student is not in music for a term, they will come to band during intervention (or study hall) two days a week. A schedule will be given out the first week of school.

Grades

Students will receive a letter grade on their report card for band. Grades will be based on progress, Practice logs turned in weekly, (They should have at least one and a half hours of practice time per week on their log) and test grades.

Grade Breakdown:

- 15 points per week for progress
- 3 points per week for practice log
- 20 points for each concert
- playing tests will vary in points

Materials

Students will need their instrument and book every time they have class and a pencil!

The book we will use is Essential Elements 2000 Book 2. This will be ordered at school. Students should bring money for their book by Friday Aug. 31st. Woodwind and Brass books are \$6.00 each and the Percussion book is \$12.75 (double size book for drums and bells).

** (If you write a check make it payable to Edgewood Band Boosters) **

Practice

All students should start a regular practice routine and stick to it! All students should practice 3 to 4 days per week, 30 to 45 minutes per day. This will help with success on their instrument. Students will be required to keep a practice log and turn it in at the end of each week in the band room. This will be worth part of their grade each week!

Concerts

There will be three concerts for the year. (see attached list for dates)

Students spend a lot of time and effort preparing for concerts. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to come and enjoy some music. Please plan your calendar for these!

Concert attendance is required and is part of a student's grade for band.

Concerts should only be missed for medical or family emergencies!

Pep Band

This is a band that plays for the EMS basketball games. It is open to all 6th grade students who want to participate. It happens in December and January and only plays at home games after school in the EMS Gym.

Pep Band meets after school from 2:30 to 6:30 on game days.

Students usually bring \$2.00 each and we order pizza for dinner.

Practice is from 2:45 -3:45

Dinner Break

Play at Games from 4:30 – 6:30

Private Lessons

Lessons are offered at school on all band instruments and drumset and guitar.

Lessons are half hour once a week and taught by Mr. Baker or High School Band students. Prices depend on the teacher. If interested in lessons fill out a lesson form and see Mr. Baker

Please sign and return this page.

I have received and read the EMS band handbook

Student Name _____

Parent/Gaurdian

Signature _____

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