

7th and 8th Grade Band Information

August 2011,

Dear Band Students and Parents,

I would like to take a minute to welcome you back from summer vacation! I hope you had a chance to spend some quality time your family and relax a little! I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with your child this year.

The purpose of this packet is to give you important information about the 7th and 8th Grade Band class for the 2011-2012 school year.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to call me at 867-7425 ext. 2416, or send me an e-mail arnoldjp@edgewood.k12.oh.us

Sincerely,

Jon Arnold
Director of Bands
Edgewood City Schools

Band Class Information- Band will meet every day and is combined group of both 7th and 8th graders. We will work from a band technique book as well as music from a variety of musical styles ranging from traditional band music, rock, jazz and classical music.

Necessary Materials-All students will be expected to have their music and instrument every day for class. (Percussionists should have their own drumsticks every day!!).

-Wind players should have all necessary maintenance supplies, i.e.: extra reeds, valve and slide oil, etc.

-All students will be assigned a spot in the music cabinet, please keep your music in it.

-All students will be responsible for keeping their music in a folder and keeping it organized! Please write your name on your music and folder! Only write on music in pencil! I will provide each student with a music folder.

Grading

Students will receive up to 20 points per week for their grade. It will be based on progress, participation and having materials everyday. Concerts will be worth 25 points each.

Practicing- Students should make a habit of daily practice! It is recommended that you practice at least 30 minutes a day to make good progress on your instrument.

**Students should practice exercises from the step by step book and work on their assigned music.

Practice Tips:

Practice where it's quiet and your not disturbed

Work on parts of your music that are difficult for you slowly

Practice from the step by step book at different tempos

Keep a good attitude about your playing

Band Room Rules

- Be respectful to the teacher, other students and their property
- NO Gum or Candy in the room
- Be in the room when the bell rings.
- No talking during rehearsal. Be attentive!!
- Listen to directions the **FIRST** time given!
- Put your music and instrument away properly at the end of every rehearsal!

Consequences

I use a progressive discipline policy for inappropriate behavior in the band room.

1st Offense-Warning

2nd Offense-Detention/Call to parents

3rd Offense/severe. Send to office

This applies to all band room rules and school handbook rules!
Any severe misbehavior could result in skipping steps 1-2!

7/8 Band Concert Dates for the 2011-2012 School Year:

Tuesday December 13, 2011

Thursday March 8th, 2012

Thursday May 10th, 2012

Concerts will be held at the high school auditorium beginning at 7pm. Please remind your child to take their instrument home from school on concert days!

-Concert attendance is **mandatory** and part of a student's grade. Students should not miss concerts!!! Known conflicts/issues should be communicated to Mr. Arnold **prior** to the concert. Medical and family emergencies will be excused only if the student brings in a note after the missed performance. If the absence is unexcused, it will affect the final quarter grade!

Band Boosters

The Edgewood Band Boosters is the parent group that supports the band program at Edgewood City Schools. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the High School Band room. For more information check out edgewoodband.com or contact Mr. Arnold. We would love to see you there!

Parents and Students please sign and return the portion below:

I have received and read the EMS Band handbook.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____