**Band Course Description 2018-2019**

 Band is a year-long graded class.  Students will continue their music development in a hands-on performance based setting.  Students will learn intermediate music concepts by studying and performing in a wide variety of styles including classical, popular, marches, jazz, world music, and many others.

**Band Schedule**

The middle school operates on a 5 Day cycle.  Band students will rehearse twice during each cycle.  The first rehearsal will take place during the elective time on Day 5.  Students who have signed up for **Band Only**, will have band during the entire elective period. Students who have **Band and Chorus**  will come to band for the first 45 minutes of class, and report to chorus for the second 45 minutes of class.

**Day 5 For Band Only**

7th Grade Band - 1st Period

6th Grade Band - 3rd Period

8th Grade Band - 6th Period

**Day 5 For Students in Both Band and Chorus**

7th Grade Band - 1st Period

*7th Grade Chorus – 2nd Period*

6th Grade Band - 3rd Period

*6th Grade Chorus – 4th Period*

8th Grade Band - 6th Period

*8th Grade Chorus – 7th Period*

**Rotating Lessons**

 In addition to band rehearsals, students must also attend a weekly rotating lesson.  This lesson pulls students out of their general classes to attend a 35 minute small group lesson.  The lesson rotates to a different time every week so the student is not always missing the same class.  Students will stay in class for 15 minutes to receive important lesson/homework information before being dismissed.  Small group lessons will be either on day 1 or 2.  The lessons schedule is in the process of being created.  Students will receive the schedule at the first day 5 rehearsal. **There will not be lessons on Day 1 or 2 during the first and last week of school.**

**Concert Dress**

All students will be expected to purchase a Maroon Band Polo Shirt.  We will wear it at all performances.  The official dress is **Maroon Band Polo, Black Pants/Knee length Skirt, black socks and black shoes.**

**Skip Policy**

Being pulled from regular classes can sometimes be stressful for students.  For this reason, we in the instrumental program have implemented a skip policy.  Students are permitted to miss **ONE** lesson per quarter.  The student must notify Mr. Tiffany **before** using a skip and have a signed pass from a teacher.  Skips are permitted only for the following reasons:

- Having difficulty in class and need extra time with the teacher

- Important Test

- Student has been absent from school and needs to make-up work

- Student is failing a course and needs extra help

If a student needs additional skips for the quarter a **Parent/Guardian or Teacher** must contact Mr. Tiffany and request one.

**Skip Policy for student athletes**

Students who participate in sports and band will be granted additional skips due to sports teams often leaving school early during 6th or 7th period. Band students, who are on a big spring middle school sports team, will not be expected to attend 7th period lessons on a week when they will be missing one or more 7th period classes due to sports teams leaving school early.

**Equipment**

 Each student will need to have the following at each band class:

* A Pencil!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
* Their Instrument with all necessary parts
* Slide Oil
* Valve Oil
* Reeds
* Band Music
* And a Positive Attitude!

**Equipment Sales**

Mr. Tiffany will be selling the following items throughout the year:

Item Price

Oboe Reeds $8.00 Each

Clarinet Reeds $1.75 Each

Alto Sax Reeds $2.25 Each

Tenor Sax Reeds $2.75 Each

Bass Clarinet Reeds $2.75 Each

Baritone Sax Reeds $3.25 Each

Slide Oil $1.00 Each

Valve Oil $1.00 Each

Cork Grease $.50 Each

Slide Grease Price Upon Request

Mouthpieces Price Upon Request

**Grading Procedures**

 Students will be given a grade for every lesson and rehearsal.  The grade will be calculated the following way:

 33% Lessons – attendance, participation, preparation

 33% Rehearsals – attendance, participation, preparation

 33% Performances

**Music Replacement procedure**

Students will be distributed original copies of each piece we perform. Any music that is lost or damaged will need to be replaced. Replacement cost will vary. Students/Parents will be held responsible for the replacement cost of the music.

**Band Quitting Policy**

 Band is a year-long graded class.  All students who join the band are expected to complete the full year.  Once the band contract is signed and turned in, **No students will be allowed to drop the class until the end of the year**.  If you have any questions about this policy please don’t hesitate to contact Mr. Tiffany or the school administration.

**Band and Chorus**

Band members are allowed and encouraged to participate in the choral program as well.  Please consider participation in both for the most well-rounded music experience possible!