

2020-2021

Clark-Pleasant Middle School Band Handbook

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Performance Dates for 2020-2021

****Please note that due to student and community safety, these dates may change to being virtual performances. We will adapt as the school year proceeds but wanted to give families dates to put on their calendar.**

Demonstration Performance November 17, 2020- (More info TBA)

Solo and Ensemble Performance- Saturday January 30, 2021

Spring Concert April 12, 2021- 7pm in the CPMS Gym (report time TBA)

All concerts/contests are required as part of the students grade (Concert Performance EL). School excused absences with parental contact are the only type of absence that will be excused with a make-up assignment. *Unexcused absence from a concert or contest will result in not completing the Concert Performance EL requirement for the student's grade.

Instrument Placements for 2020-2021 Beginning Band

We are monitoring the current situation very closely and want to place students on instruments/begin playing once we know the following:

1. It is safe to do so (our priority)
2. We will be able to give the best instruction to ensure student success

Students will begin in band class learning the basics of note reading, rhythms, fun musical activities, and instrument exploration. We will continue to monitor our instrument placement dates with health officials guidelines. Once we can safely do so, we will also have a parent meeting to discuss how to obtain an instrument. **We kindly ask that you do wait to purchase any instruments or supplies until students are placed on their instrument.** We appreciate your help in these circumstances to keep everyone engaged and safe.

Grading Policy

Students will be evaluated on written and performance assessments aligning with our Essential Learnings for band. You can find a copy of our EL Scales on cpmsband.com. Students are ENCOURAGED to do re-do/re-takes for each assessment until skills are mastered. Performance Assessments must be mastered by the corresponding concert dates.

Essential Learnings in Band

Performance: Note Accuracy – 12%

Written: Reading Rhythms 12%

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Written: Terminology- 12%

Performance: Rhythmic Accuracy- 12%

Performance: Tone Quality- 12%

Performance: Concert Performance- 23%

Concert Attire

Concert Black (Black Dress pants or Black skirt/black dress, Black dress shirt, black socks and black dress shoes). *Please no prints, solid black only* (school dress code guidelines apply)

Materials Needed for Class Once Instrument Placements are Made

All students must have their instrument, band books, *music in a binder*, Chromebook, and a pencil for class every day.

Please contact **Paiges Music** or **Musicians Repair** if you are in need of supplies or are in need of purchasing an instrument:

Paiges Music: 1-800-382-1099 or www.Paigesmusic.com

Musicians Repair: 317-635-6274 or www.musiciansrepair.com

Be careful of purchasing instruments online from other sources. We want you to have the best quality instrument for your money. Please contact a director before purchasing so we can assist.

Flute, Oboe, Trumpet: Abby Ellinger (awhitaker@cpcsc.k12.in.us) – Andrea Van Hof (avanhof@cpcsc.k12.in.us until Fall Break due to Mrs. Ellinger's maternity leave)

Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba: Katy Briel (Kbriel@cpcsc.k12.in.us)

Clarinet, Saxophone (tenor and alto), Percussion: Kate Lang (Klang@cpcsc.k12.in.us)

Reeds (Clarinet and Saxophone)

Students must always have at least 4 good reeds. You can contact Paige's music to purchase a box of reeds when needed. Please purchase Vandoren size 2 ½ reeds

Maintenance Supplies (Brass Players)

Students must always have valve oil & slide grease (trumpet, baritone, & tuba), Rotor Oil & Slide Grease (horn), super slick cream/oil, spray bottle, & slide grease (trombone).

Private Lessons

Private lessons instruction is available and strongly encouraged. There are many virtual options for private lessons available to accommodate during this time. It generally ranges from \$15-\$30 for a half hour weekly lesson. Please contact a director if you are interested (kbriel@cpcsc.k12.in.us)