

## **First Week of Band Need-To-Knows**

For students in Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band classes.

We will be playing in class on the first full-day of school: **Sept 5th**. Students will need their outdoor/marching instruments.

0-period Jazz Band starts on Tuesday September 5th. Students who made it into this year's jazz band probably do NOT have it on their class schedule yet, and that is ok. We will get that sorted later.

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### **Pep & Marching Band**

The majority of this year's pep band performances will be handled by the Wildcat Show Band, a volunteer group. [For more information, click here.](#)

Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band classes will perform at the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. This is a graded event.

Dress code for Marching Band is a black shirt, black socks, black shoes, and PE pants (any color) all worn under the school marching band uniform that will be checked out to you.

**Outdoor/marching Instruments** are the instruments we play for parades, school assemblies, and sports games.

- Some students use a 2nd, less expensive instrument for outdoor playing. This is recommended, but not always an option.
- Some students use the same instruments outside that they do for concerts. This is not recommended, but sometimes our only option.
- Some students change to a different section for outdoor playing.
- The school provides outdoor instruments for French Horn, Baritone, Tuba, double reed and percussion students.

### **Band Lockers**

Band students may check out a locker for their band instrument(s). They must use a school padlock. We will check out lockers during class and both 1st & 2nd lunch.

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## **School Instruments**

If you need a school instrument, [fill out this form](#). Once it's completed, you may get your instrument from me during 1st or 2nd lunch.

## **Band Binders & School Folders**

Every student will be issued a school music folder and a cubby to keep it in. You may take your folder home, leave it in your band locker, and/or leave it in your cubby.

Some folks have a black binder with page protectors to hold their band music. These are great, and you are encouraged to keep using that.

## **Dress Code for Concerts**

### **Concert Band & Symphonic Band**

All-black: shirt, shoes, pants/skirts. Socks should be black with shoes or skin-tone with heels/flats. No logos, dots, or stripes. ROTC shoes are ok. Formal preferred but not required, just all-black.

Symphonic Band will be issued a black vest from the school to go over their formals.

### **Wind Ensemble & Jazz Band**

Tux style: black dress OR pants/skirt + jacket/blazer. Black socks and dress shoes (marching and ROTC shoes ok). White shirt/blouse. Bow tie required for collared shirts.

## **Other music gear details:**

- Plastic reeds are the best choice for high school band students, and in stock at our local music store. You only need wooden reeds if you are auditioning for all-state, pro music jobs, or music scholarships.
- Brass instruments need to be cleaned and oiled BEFORE class.
- Drummers: Wooden drumsticks are required.
- Strings: please have your own tuner or tuner-app, and be ready to quietly re-tune while I am teaching.
- Electrics: Please bring your own guitar & audio cable, but the rest is optional.