

Lake Shore High School Bands

BAND HANDBOOK

2024 – 2025

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Dear Students and Parents,

As the new school year is upon us and the summer comes to an end, I would like to welcome you to the 2024-25 High School Band Program and our incoming Freshman, the Class of 2028. I hope that you are refreshed and ready to grow musically. I am very excited to begin working with all of you, and will provide a creative environment that is fun and exciting for your musical journey.

We have some very exciting plans in the works, and with your help we can work together to make your musical experience at Lake Shore High School a memorable one! Aside from our regular concert schedule, pending upon your growth and progress, this could be another New York City National Music Festival ear! Details will be determined. We need everyone on board for this – the FULL TEAM 😊

With the perseverance your showed last year, it will be a little easier for us to try to stay at the extraordinary level that we've come to enjoy. With a good deal of hard work and continued belief in yourselves, we're confident that this year will be another memorable year. Let's make the goal this year to expect nothing less than excellence. We have a tradition to uphold!

You have chosen to continue your involvement in a fun, exciting, and respected music program. I expect all of you to act with this pride every time we are together. With your cooperation and dedication to excellence, we can make this new school year rewarding for all of us!

The hard work, discipline, and dedication required for our program will pay off! It is proven time and time again that music students are some of the most sought-after students by colleges and universities across the country. They learn and eventually embody all of the characteristic's college admissions recruiters look for in a student. They want a student that can balance an academic load with the additional responsibility and involvement that a music program requires. Music students are often the highest awarded scholarship winners and usually find themselves in the top of their class in high school and in college.

It is our goal to prepare you for your next step. Enjoy the experience ☺

Good Luck this year!
Mr. Blodgett



H. S. BAND'S GRADING POLICY

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE GRADE – 55%

+

SECTIONAL ATTENDANCE – 5%

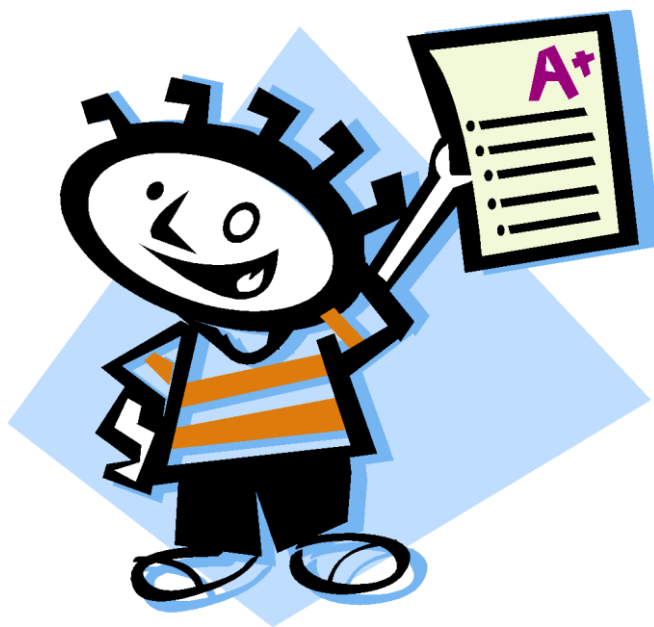
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LESSON GRADE – 30%

+

QUARTERLY/FINAL PLAYING EXAM/SOLO FESTIVAL – 10%

= TOTAL AVERAGE





All required rehearsal assignments must be prepared prior to the next rehearsal. There may be work assigned aside from the usual practice subject matter. The completion of this material is required for the following rehearsal.

Instrument Home

Instrument cabinets will be checked randomly throughout the school year. It is an expectation that a student takes their instrument home every weekend and for major performances. Please discuss any problems with your director.

Concerts and performances are the culmination of our learning goals and are required events.

Unexcused absences will affect your grade negatively.

⇒ **EXCUSED ABSENCE** - The only absences that are excused include severe illness or a family emergency. There will be no grading penalty if the student completes a Missed Concert Assignment which will take the place of your concert attendance. A phone call or written notification must be provided to the teacher as soon as the student returns to school. Students are only eligible to complete a Missed Concert Assignment if they are home ill, or if an unexpected emergency event occurs. ***Family Vacations are NOT considered Excused. Plan accordingly.***

⇒ **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE** - Absences from a performing event for any other reason. Our calendar is set for the year and you have plenty of notice and time to plan. There are no school related sporting events scheduled opposite our concerts. If you are employed, it is your responsibility to notify your employer and make arrangements to attend the performance. **AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE RESULTS AS AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE FOR THE QUARTER!**

Students must contribute musically and intellectually to achieve success. **The success of the ensemble is greatly dependent upon your effort!** At this level of development, student ability levels may vary. 100% effort does not mean that only the best players will be rewarded with honorable grades. ***The highest efforts will be rewarded.***

Students must **ENJOY THEMSELVES DURING THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY!**

SECTIONAL ATTENDANCE

5% of Total Grade

Students are required to attend sectional rehearsals each 10 week marking period. The times will be organized by your section leader, and you will work as a section on music for your next major performance. Your section leader will be instructed to hold more than 2 in case one or more of the dates conflict with your schedule. However, it is your responsibility to attend **AT LEAST 2**. **Sectionals MUST BE completed prior to the major performance of each marking period.** Section Leaders are expected to generate a sectional rehearsal form including attendance and goals to be handed in at the end of each marking period.



THE LESSON GRADE

30% of Total Grade

7 - 10 LESSONS PER QUARTER

The following items are essential for your growth as an individual performer. Students will be responsible for the preparation of all subject matter covered and assigned at each lesson. Each lesson's grade will include the following major categories:

- **MUSICAL ELEMENTS**

1. **Scales (Major, Minor, and Chromatic)**
 2. **Technique/Facility** (How well the student demonstrates correct fingerings and technique)
 3. **Posture**
 4. **Book and Packet Work**
 5. **Etudes/Small Group Ensemble Material**
 - Note and Rhythm Accuracy, Tone, Intonation, Blend/Balance, Articulation, Phrasing, Breath Support, Exhibited Knowledge of: Musical Material and Subject Matter
- Preparation and Practice** (has the students practiced and prepared for the week?)

Each lesson grade is given out of 100pts in 5 point increments based upon the student's level of preparedness.

A LESSON GRADE OF;

90, 95, 100 = Student is obviously prepared and has practiced the required material for their lesson. Student has a pencil and other necessary materials.

80, 85 = Student has minimally prepared but is working to the best of their ability staying focused with progress during their lesson. Student has a pencil and other necessary materials.

70, 75 = Student has not prepared at all for their lesson, is working to the best of their ability to learn the material, and has difficulty focusing. Student has a pencil and other necessary materials.

60, 65 = Student has not prepared at all for their lesson, is working minimally to learn the material, and has difficulty focusing. Student has a pencil and other necessary materials.

50, 55 = Student attends lesson, has not practiced, is not working, and has no lesson materials.

LESSON ATTENDANCE: Students must attend every lesson unless your academic teacher requires you to stay for a test, lab, or guest presenter. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to alert your lesson instructor prior to missing the lesson; then and only then will you be allowed to make up the missed lesson.** Missed lessons must be made up within 2 weeks during make-up times. Missed lessons will receive the grade of zero. Once a lesson has been made up, the zero will be excused. The remainder of the lessons for the quarter will then be weighted more heavily. If a lesson is not made-up the student will receive a zero for the lesson. It is to the student's advantage to attend the regularly scheduled lesson times.

THE QUARTERLY and FINAL PLAYING EXAMS

10% of Quarterly, Mid Term, & Final Average

- 1 to 2 weeks prior to the concert or end of each quarter you will be required to take a quarterly playing exam. This exam may include excerpts from your current band music or a prepared etude. This exam will assess your knowledge of the music as a gauge for your preparedness for the concert.
- The midterm and final playing exam will take place during a 15 min. time slot that you are responsible to sign up for. This exam will include scales, a prepared solo, and sight reading. This exam will also determine your placement for next year's bands. Missing your final playing exam will result in a zero, and no further consideration will be given for placement in the Symphonic Band.

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES (per quarter)

- Plus 10** - For participation in All-State Band or Orchestra
- Plus 5** - For participation in All-County Band or Orchestra
- Plus 5** - For participation in Area All-State Band or Orchestra
- Plus 5** - For participation in the ECMEA Solo Festival or NYSSMA
- Plus 5** - For participation in the Jazz Ensemble and all of the rehearsals, events, and performances.
- Plus 2** - For an A or OUTSTANDING rating earned on a LEVEL V or VI solo at the ECMEA Solo Festival or NYSSMA
- Plus 1** - For an A or OUTSTANDING rating earned on a LEVEL IV solo at the ECMEA Solo Festival or NYSSMA
- Plus 2** - For participation in the Memorial Day Events (on Memorial Day)
- Plus 1** - For the participation and attendance of PEP BAND Activities (Per Event/Rehearsal Attended)
- Plus 1** - For attendance at any concert or musical which you are not involved or performing. Also for advanced and professional groups i.e. Buffalo Philharmonic, an event at Sheas, a College or University, etc.
- Plus .5** - For every 30 minutes spent practicing voluntarily in the band room before, during, or after school. Students will only receive credit for time logged on form and teacher signature.

WEEKLY LESSON AND BAND INFORMATION

- 1. Punctual Attendance** (Be there on time!) is the first step toward having a good lesson or band rehearsal. *Symphonic Band downbeat is 1:55 - arrive BY THE BELL.* That means in your chair with your instruments assembled, music out, mouths closed, ready to play! - **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Since our rehearsals are 40 min., with setup and time needed to put away your instruments, the true rehearsal time may only be 30-35min. We will see each other every day, but time management will be a necessity for all of us! Please understand the importance of starting on time. **A reminder that Backpacks are to remain in your school locker. Cell Phones and Headphones are NOT permitted in rehearsal.**
- 2. Remember your materials!** Materials include your instrument, music, and any other playing accessories, along with your Band Notebook. Each of you will be assigned a concert folder. The folders are to be kept in the storage cabinet and are to be used each rehearsal and taken home on weekends! **Each student is required to use their own folder.**
Woodwind players, please have quality reeds at all times! Use the 4 reed rotation.
Brass players, please have all valves and slides oiled and greased!
- 3. Always have Two Pencils!** Marking helpful comments in your music is an important part of being a good performer. We will also be working on other activities during rehearsals.
- 4. Be Prepared!** You have to prepare at home! It is impossible to prepare for multiple concerts along with all of the other events we play, and get ready for a Spring adjudication with school preparation only.
- 5. STOP PLAYING WHEN CUT OFF!** Don't waste valuable time "doodling" during rehearsal. When you are cut off, it is because we need to fix something. **We will not be patient with this lack of respect for your teachers, your colleagues, or the music!!!!!!**
- 6. Each student will have a rotating full period lesson each week.**
- 7. Inform your director prior to your scheduled lesson of any conflict.** Remember, the progress of each group, especially groups that play ensemble literature, depends upon attendance of all members. Students must fill out time they made up on the missed lesson/rehearsal chart next to the band office. Once student has completed time ask Mr. Blodgett for a signature ensuring you will receive credit.
- 8. Students are responsible for work assigned at every lesson and rehearsal** whether they were in attendance or not. Obtain your assignments from us any time during the day, try a friend, or have your parents give us a call at school.
- 9. Students are expected to spend time outside of rehearsals and lessons preparing assignments.** We guarantee that if you practice, you will make great progress individually and as a group.
- 10. Students are financially responsible for school owned instruments.** Normal wear is covered, however, any damage charges must be repaid at the student's expense. Loan agreements must be on record to be given an instrument.
- 11. No one is to play an instrument other than the one that is assigned to them.** Percussion instruments and pianos are to be played by percussionists or by students who have the director's permission.
- 12. All instruments are to be put away in your cases and then returned to your instrument locker,** neatly following any lesson, rehearsal, or performance. Chronic disrespect to your issued instrument/s or assigned instrument cabinet will negatively affect your average.
- 13. The room is to be kept neat and should be placed back to its original setup if anything is moved or displaced.** Percussion MUST keep their area neat and clean. Large percussion instruments should be covered following each rehearsal. Small percussion instruments should be put away following each rehearsal.

14. Food and/or drink will be allowed in the room, UNLESS you can't clean up after yourselves, then this privilege will be revoked immediately.

15. The instrument Lockers are to be shut after you use them. Simply close the doors - DO NOT LEAVE THEM OPEN continually. Each locker should be kept neat and clean. **THEY ARE NOT YOUR PERSONAL STORAGE SPACES!!!**

16. Folder slots are to be used for storing folders and music only, do not keep your folders in your instrument cabinet, nor should you leave your mouthpiece in your folder, that's how they break!

PERFORMING EVENT EXPECTATIONS

1. ATTENDANCE AT ALL CONCERTS AND PERFORMING EVENTS IS MANDATORY. IF YOU MISS A PERFORMANCE AND ARE NOT EXCUSED, **YOU WILL FAIL THE QUARTER!**

2. Students are expected to report on time, prepared, dressed in their concert attire unless told otherwise, and remain quiet to await further instructions.

3. Students are expected to maintain the **highest musical standards** as a member of the Lake Shore High School Bands and the **highest standard of behavior** as a member of the Lake Shore High School.

4. All monitors and substitutes, whether teachers, aids, or parents, are to be strictly respected. **No student is ever to confront a chaperone!** Any problem is to be handled by the director and **never the student.**

5. In "Extra Curricular" Performing Events: **Only students exhibiting favorable classroom grades and behavior will be permitted to participate.** There will be a number of performing events aside from our regularly scheduled concert programs. You are representing all of your hard work and dedication, let's do it in a professional manner.



Lake Shore Central Schools Music Department Calendar 2024 – 2025



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sept 10	Tuesday	Area All State Registration Deadline		
Oct. 4	Friday	Homecoming Events	TBA	Districtwide
Oct. 15	Tuesday	ECMEA Choral Pre-Application Deadline	11:59pm	Da Capo
Oct. 19	Saturday	ECMEA Classroom Music Festival	9:00am	Windemere Elm. Amherst
Nov. 1-2	Fri., Sat.	Jr. High Area All-State (Grades 7-9)	TBA	Akron HS
Nov. 4	Monday	High School Fall Concert (all groups)	7:00pm	High School
Nov. 15	Friday	ECMEA Solo Registration Deadline	11:59pm	Da Capo
Nov. 22-23	Fri., Sat	Sr. High Area All-State (Grades 10-12)	TBA	SUNY Fredonia
Dec. 5-8	Thurs. - Sun.	NYSSMA All-State Conference	TBA	Rochester, NY
Dec. 9	Monday	Highland (Grd 5 Band, Orch., Chorus)	6:30pm	Highland
Dec. 10	Tuesday	A.J. Schmidt (Grd 5 Band, Orch. Chorus)	6:30pm	A.J. Schmidt
Dec. 11	Wednesday	Middle School Holiday I (Grades 7 & 8)	7:00pm	Middle School
Dec. 12	Thursday	J.T. Waugh (Grd 5 Band, Orch, Chorus)	6:30pm	J.T. Waugh
Dec. 17	Tuesday	Middle School Holiday II (Grade 6)	7:00pm	Middle School
Dec. 18	Wednesday	High School Holiday "Alumni" Concert	7:00pm	High School
Dec. 19	Thursday	Snow Day Reschedule (if needed)	7:00 pm	TBA
Jan 11	Saturday	ECMEA Elementary, Jazz, & Jr. High Vocal Aud.	TBA	Depew MS/HS
Jan 18	Saturday	ECMEA Jr. High Instrumental Auditions	TBA	Orch. Park HS
Jan 22	Wednesday	ECMEA Conference Day	8am-4pm	Buff. Conv. Ctr.
Jan 25	Saturday	ECMEA Sr. High Instr./Vocal Quartet Auditions	TBA	Cleve Hill HS
Jan 28	Tuesday	ECMEA Scholarship Auditions	TBD	Christ United Meth Church
Feb 1	Saturday	ECMEA Solo Fest Snow Day	TBA	TBA
Jan. 23-25	Thurs - Sat	Middle School Musical	7:00pm	Middle School
Feb 6-8	Thurs - Sat	High School Musical	7:00pm	High School
Feb	TBA	4th Grade In-School Informance (Band/Orch)	TBA	TBA
March 1,12,14-15	Sat,Wed, Fri,Sat	ECMEA Elementary Rehearsals & Concert	TBA	TBA, Kleinhans
March 6	Thursday	Middle School M.I.O.S.M. Showcase (groups TBA)	7:00pm	Middle School
March 7-8	Fri. - Sat.	ECMEA Junior High Rehearsal & Concert	TBA	East Aurora HS
March 19	Wednesday	High School M.I.O.S.M. Showcase (groups TBA)	7:00pm	High School
March 14-15	Fri. - Sat.	ECMEA Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal & Concert	TBA	Cheektowaga
March 21-22	Fri. - Sat.	ECMEA Senior High Rehearsal & Concert	TBA	Univ. at Buff.
April 28	Monday	District Jazz Concert	6:30pm	High School
TBA	TBA	High School Music Tour		New York City
TBD	TBD	Elementary Instrumental Recruitment Assembly	TBD	TBD
TBD	TBA	NYSSMA Solo Auditions & Major Org. Festivals	TBA	TBD
May 12	Monday	All District Elementary Concerts (All Groups)	6:00, 7:15pm	Middle School
May 19	Monday	Orchestra Spring Concert (Grds 6-12)	7:00pm	High School
May 22	Thursday	Middle School Spring Concert (Band & Chorus)	7:00pm	Middle School
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day Events	TBA	Angola
May 29	Thursday	High School Spring Concert (Band & Chorus)	7:00pm	High School

TBA - "To Be Announced" * TBD - "To Be Determined" * District Events in BOLD

FINAL

CONCERT AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

SYMPHONIC BAND

Concert #1 – Fall Concert

Date: November 4, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: High School Auditorium

Concert #2 – Holiday “Alumni” Concert

Date: December 18, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: High School Auditorium

Concert #3 – M.I.O.S.M Concert

Date: March 19, 2025
Time: 7:00pm
Location: High School Auditorium

Concert #4 – Spring Concert

Date: May 29, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: High School Auditorium

OTHER DATES PERTINENT TO ALL STUDENTS

Please refer to the district music calendar. Time, dates, and locations will be announced.

The Homecoming and the Memorial Day Parades are MANDATORY performing events. Detail on a Music Tour will be provided soon. Don't forget, you get Volunteer Hours and Extra Credit for Parade and Pep Band!



**ATTENDANCE AT THE PERFORMING EVENTS INCLUDING
PARADES IS MANDATORY!**

HOMECOMING & PEP BAND



The Homecoming event revolves around the High School Pep Band. Our participation and performance is the pinnacle of the parade and certainly helps make the evening's activities memorable.

Homecoming Date - Friday, October 4th - Parade details to follow

Attendance at this event by all Band members 9 - 12 is mandatory!

The Pep Band will also perform at the HS Football games on the following dates: 9/6, 9/20, 10/4 (Homecoming), and 10/24. Students are to report by 5:30 as the games start at 6:30. If you have another athletic contest, please make every effort to get to whatever portion of the performance you can make.

Homecoming report is immediately after school.

MEMORIAL DAY

We have the distinct HONOR of giving something back to the veterans of this great country and community, who, through their great sacrifices have insured our freedoms. We will march down Main Street in Angola, thank, and remember while realizing that we wonderful freedoms for LS Music T-Shirts, band jacket.



giving our time to pay tribute, these great men and women should never take our granted. Attire will be Green khaki shorts or pants, and

**The parade will step off at 10:00am on Monday, May 26th – Details will follow!
THIS IS A MANDATORY PERFORMING EVENT!!!!**

TOURS/TRIPS

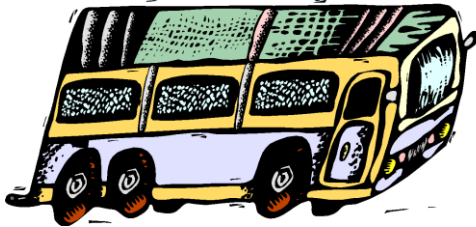
1. The National Festival Music Trip

This event took place for the first time in the Spring, 2001. This tour will only take place every other year if student and parent interest, involvement, commitment, dedication, behavior, attendance, and outstanding.

based upon the for that purpose

There will be member basis. financing. We two year period

everyone attends to assure a well-balanced instrumentation and sound!



capability is determined to be Future destinations will be determined review of a special committee formed and Board Of Education approval. an obvious cost to participate on a per You are responsible for your own will have multiple fundraisers over a to help cover the costs. It is crucial that

This event is an adjudication festival where groups are judged upon their performance of certain literature. Bands and sections are ranked based upon their performance. The festival will take place in a location where we can attend other enjoyable educational events aside from the festival. All of these plans still have to be approved by the board.

THE LAKE SHORE SENIOR HIGH SYMPHONIC BAND
ATTENDED THE "ORLANDOFEST" NATIONAL MUSIC
FESTIVAL IN FLORIDA SPRING 2023.

**The Symphonic Band was awarded the Grand Champions
festival with the highest overall score. The Band also
Superior Rating at the Cedar Point Music Festival in May**



**of the
received a
of 2022!**

We are hoping to attend the NYS Big Apple Classic
International Music Festival in the Spring of 2025!

2. The NYSSMA Large Ensemble Festival

This trip will be an every other year event that will take place opposite the out of state event. The NYSSMA Ensemble Festival is held for us in an area school. Performing groups are judged with the following system:

Flawlessly Prepared:	Gold with Distinction
Extremely Well Prepared:	Gold
Above Average:	Silver
Average:	Bronze

Congratulations to the Concert Band for receiving a Level IV Gold and the Symphonic Band a Level VI Gold at the 2018 Spring Festival!!!

FUNDRAISING and MUSIC BOOSTERS

Fundraising may take place at any time based upon the district fundraising calendar. We may fundraise in many different ways with the ultimate goal; **to raise enough money to pay for the National Festival Tour as well as any band functions.**

The out of state tour will be paid for The money that each student raises toward their tour expenses. If you needed for yourself, your way will be short in your monies raised, the by you. These tours will be exciting with the opportunity to work with known conductors. musicians, as you to meet students of other band programs from all over the country!



on a per student basis. in fundraising will go raise the amount be paid in full. If you remainder will be paid events providing us and meet many well well as the chance for

FUNDRAISING IS NEVER MANDATORY, BUT ENCOURAGED!

ALL FUNDRAISING MONEY, OR ANY OTHER MONEY RELATED ITEMS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE BAND LOCKBOX LOCATED ON THE BAND ROOM WALL NEAR THE FILING CABINETS.

FUNDRAISING DATES 2024 – 2025

September – Maria’s Pizzas
October– Pro Sports Ticket Raffle
November/December – Holiday Bonanza
January – Great Lake’s Coffee
February – HS Musical Concessions
February 28th – Meat Raffle
May – Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ
Returnable Can & Bottle Drive – TBD

TBD – There may be additional fund raisers – attend the monthly Boosters’ meetings to find out!

MUSIC BOOSTERS'

All parents and students are encouraged to attend our Music Boosters' meetings. This organization provides support, community awareness, input, planning, and adult leadership for our High School Music Program . The Boosters' will meet on the following dates at 7pm in the High School Large Group Instruction Room or Band Room:

9/10, 10/9, 11/14, 1/7, 3/6, 5/7

This group is the backbone to all of the opportunities we provide for the students. Our success is largely due to the involvement of wonderful parents and families of our music students.

GET INVOLVED ☺

Parent Booster Board of Directors

Co-Presidents: Nicole Holla, Tracy Swyers

Vice President: Jill Paolucci

Secretaries: Jennifer Dynas

Treasurer: Anne Crusan

Student Booster Board of Directors

President: Kayla Friend

Vice President: Evelyn Thuman

Secretaries: Sierra Steffan, Kelsey Dynas

Treasurer: Hope Crusan

CONCERT ATTIRE

(See separate clothing attire handout for dresses and ties)

Gentlemen: Black Sport Coat and Black Slacks (Black Suit) – it MUST be BLACK

White button down shirt

Black Socks

Black Dress Shoes - **Sneakers are NOT** considered shoes!

Kelly Green Tie - Refer to tie order page

Ladies: Black Dress - refer to dress order pages

You MUST choose one of the dresses on the following pages.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Black dress shoes – No Flip Flops or Sneakers.



It is important, as a member of the HS Bands that we dress uniformly for success! **Therefore, the directors will strictly enforce the CORRECT CONCERT ATTIRE.** If there is an unavoidable problem, please contact us immediately and we will try to make other arrangements.

Otherwise, if you show up to a performing event dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to change and may be asked not to perform - it may negatively affect your Quarterly Average!

YOUR DRESS AND TIE **MUST** BE ORDERED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

ORDERS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 18TH

STUDENT MATERIALS

WOODWINDS & BRASS

INSTRUMENT MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

GENERAL WOODWIND SUPPLIES*

- **INSTRUMENT LYRE** – *required at first rehearsal.*
- **CLEANING SWAB AND/OR PAD SAVER**
- **POLISHING CLOTH FOR EXTERIOR CLEANING**
- **CORK GREASE**
- **REED PROTECTOR** (for 2 or 4 reeds)
- **NAME TAG FOR YOUR CASE** (listing name and school)
Very Important!! Your instrument will travel and needs ID
- **PORTABLE MUSIC STAND** (for home use)
- **REEDS:** **CLARINET** – Rico Reserve Classic 3 - 3.5
 SAXOPHONES – Vandoren 3 - 3.5
 DOUBLE REEDS – Lescher (speak to music teacher)
 (Try buying a box of reeds, it's cheaper!)

GENERAL BRASS SUPPLIES*

- **INSTRUMENT LYRE** – *required at first rehearsal.*
- **VALVE OIL/SLIDE OIL**
- **TUNING SLIDE GREASE**
- **POLISHING CLOTH FOR EXTERIOR CLEANING**
- **NAME TAG FOR YOUR CASE** (listing name and school)
Very Important!! Your instrument will travel and needs ID
- **STRAIGHT MUTE***
- **COLLAPSIBLE INSTRUMENT STAND**** (fits in bell)
- **PORTABLE MUSIC STAND** (for home use)
- **All brass players who use a school owned instrument will have to buy your own mouthpiece! Refer to the handbook for specifics before your purchase!**

* For all students, even those who use a school owned instrument

** For trumpets and trombones only, helps protect your investment



STUDENT MATERIALS

PERCUSSION

INSTRUMENT MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Every percussionist MUST have these materials.

Consider purchasing the Mike Balter Band Directors Complete Stick Bag for approx. \$85 online. It will have everything you need to get started if you don't already have a stick bag.

1. STICK BAG

- any make having an outside zipper with inner pockets to store Sticks and mallets, Book bags are NOT ACCEPTABLE!

2. STICKS

- 1 pair 5B wood tip snare drum sticks, Pro-Mark is recommended.
- 1 Pair Regal Tip Quantum 3000 Nylon Tip Marching Sticks (SD line ONLY)
- 1 pair Pro Mark Jazz Drum Set Sticks (optional)

3. KEYBOARD MALLETs

- 1 pair Medium, Cord wound mallets, with birch or rattan handles Mike Balter, Musser, Deschler, Yamaha, or Encore.
- 1 pair Extra Hard, 1/2" to 3/4" Unwound bell mallets, with birch or rattan handles Mike Balter, Musser, Deschler, Yamaha, or Encore.
- 1 pair soft yarn suspended cymbal mallets - any kind (optional)

4. TIMPANI

- 1 pair Vic Firth Tl General Timpani Mallets or 1 pair YTM-3 Yamaha General Timpani Mallets
- 1 chromatic pitch pipe (optional)

5. 14" VACUUM DRUM PAD or 10" ELEVATED DRUM PAD

6. A SMALL TOWEL (solid color) for your mallet tray table while playing during band.

These materials are to accompany you to every rehearsal and lesson just as the other members have to bring their instruments, oils, and grease.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LABEL ALL OF YOUR STICKS, MALLETs, AND BAG WITH YOUR NAME!!!!



MOUTHPIECE REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of required mouthpieces that YOU MUST own if you play an instrument provided by the school. Please shop around for the best prices, as there are stores that are more reasonably priced than others. I have included approx. prices on what to expect to be charged when looking. The prices for these mouthpieces might seem expensive, however, please remember, the school is providing you with a \$2,500.00 - \$5,500.00 instrument, AND, pays for any and all repairs that are not due to your negligence. That's a pretty good deal!

YOUR MOUTHPIECE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING WITH YOU TO LESSONS, REHEARSALS, AND PERFORMANCES!!

INSTRUMENT	MOUTHPIECE	PRICE
BASS CLARINET	Yamaha 4C (or equivalent)	\$40.00
TENOR SAXOPHONE	Yamaha 4C (or equivalent)	\$40.00
BARI SAXOPHONE	Yamaha 4C (or equivalent)	\$50.00
FRENCH HORN	Holton/Farkus	\$45.00
Bach 7 or Conn 2	\$38.00	
EUPHONIUM/BAR. HORN	Bach 6.5 AL	\$48.00
TUBA	Bach 18	\$62.00



MOUTHPIECE SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS

To help you achieve a better tone, the following mouthpiece suggestions will help. Please consider purchasing the appropriate mouthpiece for your instrument. Every little bit helps when concentrating on tone and intonation.

INSTRUMENT	MOUTHPIECE	PRICE
CLARINET	Vandoren M15 or B45	\$100.00
Rico Reserve X5	\$100.00	
ALTO SAX	Selmer C*	\$120.00
Rascher	\$120.00	
TRUMPET	You should own a 7C	\$38.00
but may need to move to a Bach 5C or 3C		
TROMBONE	Bach 6.5 AL	\$48.00
TUBA	Bach 18	\$54

Area Music Stores

Crino Music
811 Central Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Phone: (716) 366-4800/716.366.4800
crinomus@netsync.net

Music & Art Music
4190 N Buffalo St
Orchard Park NY 14127
Phone: 716.662.9533
alhemermusic@gmail.com

Twin Village
44 Central Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086
Phone: 716-683-4879

Helpful Online Resources

Smart Music (interactive practice software)
www.smartmusic.com

JW Pepper (sheet music, listening resource)
www.jwpepper.com

ECMEA (Erie County Music Educators Association, county music festivals)
www.ecmea.org

NYSSMA (NYS School Music Association)
www.nyssma.org

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
www.bpo.org

SUNY Fredonia School of Music
www.fredonia.edu/som

Buff State School of Music
www.buffalostate.edu/som

STUDENT AND PARENT SIGNATURE PAGE

STUDENT'S NAME _____

GRADE _____ DATE _____

We have read and understand the contents and requirements of
the High School Band Program as detailed in the Band Handbook.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Please remember to fill out the student/family information page on the back side.

**THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th,
OR THE STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR
DETENTION EVERY DAY LATE THEREAFTER!**

