

Elmore Park Middle School Bands



Handbook 2004-2005



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Elmore Park Middle School Band 2004-2005 Guidelines

Welcome! Successful bands are not built with negatives that begin with “don’t” or “things not allowed.” Great bands are created by positive attitudes from students eager to learn and willing to give their best at all times. This handbook is for students and their parents with hope of giving information regarding the various phases, activities, policies, and regulations of the instrumental music program.

Band probably requires more time outside the school day from more students than any other school activity. Band members are also the students who are most often the high achievers, learn how to manage time, found on the school Academic and Citizenship Honor Rolls, and who grow into well-adjusted young adults. It is also true that few, if any, other activities are more richly rewarding in satisfaction which can only come from a job well done.

All band members and parents are urged to read these guidelines carefully at the beginning of each school year. The ultimate goal of following policies, guidelines, and rules are to help create a successful young musician, and thus, a great band program. Therefore, a form was also sent home with each student for you to sign. By signing this handbook acknowledgment form, you are stating that you have read and understand the E.P.M.S. Band guidelines. This acknowledgement form serves as a contract between the band director, the student, and the parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the expectations and requirements of the Elmore Park Middle School Band. **Please sign and return the handbook contract form by Thursday, September 2nd. Finally, please refer to your E.P.M.S. Handbook online throughout the year.**

I look forward to working with you and your children. Please call if you have any questions or there is anything I can ever do for you. You may call Elmore Park Middle School at 373-2642. Please leave a message and I will return your call at my earliest convenience.

Keep making music,

Steffanie Seek
Band Director
Elmore Park Middle School

THE ELMORE PARK BAND STUDENT

FEES are necessary to financially support our band program. The Elmore Park Middle School Band Booster annual budget is funded in great part by band fees. Music for concert selections cost \$75 to \$100 per arrangement, and materials/equipment for the band is also an expense. (Band fees do not cover items outside of the annual budget, i.e.: band trips, Solo & Ensemble fees, All-West fees, etc.) Our only active fundraisers are dances and coupon book sales. **Fees are due by Thursday, September 9th**. Please make checks payable to the Elmore Park Band Boosters. **ALL MONEY SHOULD BE SENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME ON THE OUTSIDE, ALONG WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PAYMENT.** Fees are as follows:

Sixth Grade: \$ 30 (does NOT include T-shirt)

T-shirt fee (between \$10-\$18 to be determined at a later date)

*See the director if you need assistance with fees

Seventh and Eighth Grade: \$ 35 (does NOT include T-shirt)

T-shirt fee (between \$10-\$18 to be determined at a later date)

Uniform pants fee (\$20-\$35 per student) *Read the uniform section for details*

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COMMUNICATION between the director and parents is vital to the success of our program. To aid in this, *each band member is asked to bring two self-addressed **STAMPED BUSINESS** size envelopes by Thursday, September 2nd*. Please make sure the envelopes have STAMPS on them, are addressed to the PARENTS/GUARDIANS, and are BUSINESS size envelopes. Band calendars and other pertinent information will be mailed directly to the parents up to three times during the school year.

BOOKS

Sixth Grade: Standard for Excellence, Book 1 (for your instrument)

Seventh Grade: Standard for Excellence, Book 1 (from last year)

Standard for Excellence, Book 2 (for your instrument)

another rhythm book will be assigned soon

Eighth Grade: Standard for Excellence, Book 2 (for your instrument)

* possibly book 3 *

A Rhythm A Day* (*might change based on availability)

QUALITY INSTRUMENTS – ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR NAME CLEARLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THEIR INSTRUMENT CASES AT ALL TIMES! It is recommended that the best possible instrument be purchased or rented. This will help prevent learner frustration, prevent technical problems, and allow a young student to produce a superior sound. PLEASE consult the band director or a private teacher before buying a new or used instrument. Shelby County Schools does provide some instruments such as tuba, baritone, and French horn. However, these can

be few in number, and are generally spoken for by advanced band students. We want every child who wants to be in band to have the opportunity! Contact the director if you would like more information.

QUALITY EQUIPMENT – All clarinet and saxophone players should have FOUR (oboe players, two) good playing reeds with them at all rehearsals and performances. Percussionists should always throw away broken or warped sticks. Proper technique is impossible when using damaged equipment.

BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Shelby County School and EPMS rules must be followed by band members at all band-related functions. Classroom rules will be posted in the band room. The director will review and explain classroom rules with students on the first day of school.

2. Rehearsals – Each band member should be ready to play at the time designated by the director. *MEMBERS MUST BRING INSTRUMENTS IN GOOD PLAYING CONDITION, ALL MUSIC (INCLUDING BOOKS), A PENCIL, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS LIKE FLAGS, ETC. TO EVERY BAND REHEARSAL.* Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals, including those after school when they are involved in that ensemble or class. **Remember: POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE REHEARSALS CAN RESULT IN GREAT PERFORMANCES!**

3. Performances – All band members are IMPORTANT to the success of our band program. Therefore, attendance is vital to all performances. The fall and Spring Concerts are REQUIRED performances for ALL band members. All Marching Band and Honor Band performances (including those above mentioned concerts, and all competitions, and festivals) are required for those students participating in these ensembles. Members are to be attentive, punctual, and orderly at all activities.

Requests for absence from a performance should be presented by the band parent (in writing or in person) and in advance. *The director shall approve the absence at her discretion including personal illness (doctor's note required), death or illness in the immediate family, or an event that produced a severe hardship on the student or immediate family (lack of transportation is not accepted as an excuse).* **An unexcused absence will affect the student's grade (lower the grade) in band and will affect the semester grade.**

4. Instruments are to be properly oiled, cleaned, and in good playing condition at the BEGINNING of each rehearsal and performance. Please take care of routine maintenance BEFORE class/rehearsal begins. Any repairs should be taken care of immediately. Also, students are NOT allowed to open other students' cases or play another student's instrument AT ALL. This will be strictly enforced!

5. Practice is required from every band member. *Daily practice at home is a band student's "homework" and should be a minimum of thirty minutes per day.* (Beginners begin with twenty minutes and work up to thirty.) Choose a time period that does not interfere with any other work activity, so that you may focus on your instrument and music. Always practice for results and accuracy. Remember: it's not the length of time you practice, it is what you get accomplished in the time period that produces results. *Pop quizzes can be given to the students during class covering their assigned homework including songs from the method books, concert music, scales, and more.* **ALL STUDENTS MUST practice DAILY to be successful in band!**

***NOTE TO PARENTS** – Certain band instruments are not allowed on school buses, i.e.: tubas, baritones, etc. Please arrange to take home larger instruments at least on weekends or if possible, every day.

6. Music is the responsibility of the student. All students are issued an individual copy of each piece currently being rehearsed. The cost is \$1 per page (goes to the band boosters) to replace lost music. When music is not in use, it is to be kept with the student. Music not stored properly or left in the band room will be discarded, whether the name is present or not. Only keep music in your case, if there is a place for it.

7. Uniforms - Each Marching Band member (seventh and eighth graders only) and/or Honor Band member will be issued a uniform top with a hat. *This year we will have a company fit EVERY individual 7th grade band student for pants and fit 8th grade band students that did not get pants last year. There will be a \$20-\$35 UNIFORM PANTS FEE PER 7th & 8th GRADE BAND STUDENT THAT PURCHASES PANTS. However, these pants will arrive to school with the student's name on them and arrive already hemmed to your student's height. You will NOT have to worry about hemming the pants! Finally, these pants will be **BRAND NEW** without any old stains, wear & tear, and will be **YOUR** student's pants for the rest of their years in the Elmore Park Band. Eighth graders can wear their own pants from last year since they are not required to purchase new pants. However, please recheck the hems on the pants to make sure the pants are not too short. This uniform procedure is more successful in fitting each individual student more accurately, provides a more "crisp" look for the band, and makes the students more comfortable in their uniform pants. If a student loses their pants, they will have to pay the pants fee again to replace their lost pair of pants. The uniform top will be taken home and will be returned with a minimal dry-cleaning fee. *The uniform pants fee will be finalized and announced when uniform fittings begin in September or early October.**

EACH STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE DRY-CLEANING FEE IN MAY. Therefore, the band will see to it that the uniforms are cleaned. The complete uniform will be worn for all Marching Band and Honor Band performances unless noted otherwise. All students will stay in complete uniform following a performance until the director indicates otherwise. Each member is expected to return the uniform in the condition it was issued (with allowance for normal wear) and is **financially responsible** for any repairs or replacement. Please return the uniform with the DRY CLEANING FEE by the deadline issued at the end of the year. **EVERY STUDENT MUST PAY THE FEE REGARDLESS IF THEY ALREADY HAD THE UNIFORM CLEANED.**

Band T-shirts are NOT included in the band fees for any of the band students this year. **The students will vote on the band shirts and the T-shirt cost could be \$10-\$18 per student, depending on their choice.** The shirt and cost will be determined by mid-September. Band T-shirts will be worn under the uniform. The Band T-shirt will be worn AS THE UNIFORM with blue jeans for certain performances including the sixth graders' performance at the Spring Concert. Extra lettering, airbrushing, etc. will not be added until after the school year closes. Please do not lose the band shirts. If a band shirt is lost, the student will have to pay the same price to replace the shirt. However, many times we do NOT have any extra shirts so please make every attempt to have the student keep up with their shirts and keep them clean.

Each Marching Band and Honor Band member must own a pair of SOLID WHITE LACE-UP shoes. These must be vinyl or leather. Check local department stores or area music stores. In past years, students' shoes have not always fit into the specified guidelines. Matching shoes make the band look more "polished" or "crisp." *Do NOT purchase shoes until you have received more specific instructions from the director regarding what type of shoe, etc. All shoes must be approved at least one week in advance, prior to the first marching performance. Examples of the preferred shoes will be available in the band room. If the shoe does NOT match the band's guidelines, you will be asked to replace the shoes with a new pair meeting the band's criteria.* Students are responsible for polishing their shoes (at home) before each performance. All Marching Band members (except percussion) must also own a pair of solid white gloves (clarinets cut the tips of glove fingers off).

8. The Band Room should be kept neat at all times. Therefore, EATING, DRINKING, and CHEWING gum is not allowed and will be strictly enforced. Personal items including books, book bags, shoes, etc. should not be left in the band room overnight. They may be left during the day on band days. Students are NOT allowed to open other students' cases or play another student's instrument AT ALL.

9. Riding in buses: All Shelby county School rules and consequences apply on field trips, as in the classroom. We are representing our school, parents, and our band program on performance trips. **Trips are a privilege...not a right, and are part of the culminating reward of hard work. YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE IS EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES!** Students will ride the bus designated on the announced bus list. When taking a trip, students load in the order designated by the director. All band members will ride the bus to and from the performance. Roll will be called just before departure with everyone seated and quiet. Just before the destination is reached, everyone will remain quiet as the director and bus driver discuss final directions.

No one will leave his or her seat until permission is given. Students shall remain seated at all times. ALL BUS RULES APPLY!

No food or drink is allowed on the buses unless otherwise indicated. Students are expected to load and unload all of their equipment and are responsible for it during the trip. All percussionists will help load and unload the percussion equipment.

While on the bus, students will speak in a normal speaking voice at all times. Noise will be kept at a minimum. Singing, shouting, shouting from the windows is forbidden. Place no portion of the body outside the window at any time.

PDA (public display of affection) will not be tolerated at any time during a band event.

Do not play any instrument on the bus. Do not drum on the seats, hats, or any non-percussion item. Sticks and mallets will be stored in the stick cases during transport.

ALWAYS BE POLITE AND COURTEOUS TO OTHER BANDS!! Negative comments about other bands are forbidden. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.

Misconduct in any of the above mentioned forms (including pushing, shoving, fighting) can result in the student(s) being banned from further trips. It is the duty of the chaperones to report any misconduct on the bus.

CHAPERONES

The band does not take a trip unless accompanied by chaperones. Because the band director cannot be in a position to supervise at all times and locations, the success of the program relies heavily on the presence of good chaperones.

Chaperones should be active and assume responsibility. They should not hesitate to stop any practices that seem questionable, out of place, or definitely wrong. The following are examples of activities that will not be tolerated:

- rowdiness
- vandalism
- wearing uniform improperly
- leaving bus or assembly area without permission
- exchanging buses
- PDA – keep your hands to yourself
- anything that might reflect negatively on the reputation of the band program.

MARCHING BAND AND HONOR BAND ACTIVITIES (for 7th and 8th graders)

The band program is designed to be inclusive to the middle school student. The student may be active or just meet the minimum performance and rehearsal requirements. For all band students, good performances at the Holiday and Spring Concerts are the basic required events. **HOWEVER, ALL STUDENTS WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCHING BAND AND HONOR BANDS.**

Marching Band is a fall activity that consists of students performing at 2 parades including the Veteran's Day Parade (in early November in downtown Memphis) and the Bartlett Christmas Parade (second Saturday evening in December). All events require a lot of hard work, but are a lot of fun. This activity is open to all 7th and 8th grade band students, and 6th grade band students who have a minimum of one-year experience on their instrument. Generally, 7th and 8th graders are **EXPECTED** and **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to participate in Marching Band unless extenuating circumstances exist. Please see the director with any questions.

All Marching Band brass, woodwind, and percussion students will perform all parade music from memory in late September. Flag members and the Field Commander will correctly perform all music on their respective instruments non-memorized (they have routines to memorize) due at the same time. Each band student will individually perform his/her music from memory. Marching band students should show the discipline and ability to march in correct formation using proper marching fundamentals.

Flag and Drum Major Auditions are usually held in May for the coming year. However, this year we will be holding guard and drum major auditions in early September. Dates for these auditions will be announced as the new school year continues to settle just a bit. Only 7th and 8th graders are eligible to audition for guard and drum major. Auditions for the 2005-2006 guard and drum major may be scheduled late in the spring semester or in the fall of 2005.

Honor Band is the ensemble which performs/competes in the local W.T.S.B.O.A. Concert Festival (weekday in April), Tour of Schools and possibly another performance. The Honor Band rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday after school beginning in late January. Honor Band music is competition level music and requires an extra level of commitment from students. This ensemble is open, by audition, to all seventh and eighth grade students, and sixth grade students who have a minimum of one-year experience studying their instrument. Audition requirements will be based on scales including the chromatic and major scales, and music to be specified at a later date.

Marching Band and Honor Band Rehearsals will be AFTER SCHOOL THIS YEAR ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS from 4:00-5:15pm. Some rehearsals may be held before school on days of field trips, on Mondays as needed, etc. The Honor Band will meet on Mondays too during the second semester due to the number of spring holidays, TCAP testing, and other conflicts with our usual practice times. As with performances, excused absences from these after school rehearsals will only be granted with a written excuse at the band director's discretion. If a student is well enough to attend school, then they are expected to stay for rehearsal. Calendars are sent out in advance to help in accommodating your schedules. The director recognizes that transportation can be a challenge, however, that is not an excuse for missing rehearsal. Please check with neighbors and band friends for transportation needs.

Also, LATE PICK-UPS WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT BE TOLERATED. *All students MUST be picked up within 10-15 minutes after any band rehearsal. If a student is late being picked up, they will receive one warning for the entire semester. If there are any additional late pick-ups, the student will NOT be permitted to participate in any future band extracurricular activities, including after school practices.* Please understand that time is precious to EVERY student, EVERY parent, and EVERY teacher. We are all very busy and must be mindful of any inconvenience this can cause for everyone. Parents, you are appreciated for your supporting your student in all of his or her band activities. Thank you parents for all that you do and for following the EPMS Band guidelines!

CLASS MEETINGS

Band class meets three times weekly during the school day. ALL after school rehearsals (except percussion and flags) are 4:00-5:15pm. Flag and percussion practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately following marching band practices, from 5:15 until 6:00p.m.

THE BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

The Band Booster Organization is organized to financially support the band program and to promote the activities of the band. The band program could not exist or function properly without parental support. Parents and interested friends are urged to attend meetings, events, performances, and to lend their support. Meeting schedules will be announced via the band calendar dates. We need your help. Please contact the band director if you are interested in serving on the band booster board.

GRADING POLICIES

Each nine weeks grade will be an average of the following:

Daily participation, class preparation, and extra concert rehearsals after school: Students must exhibit a cooperative attitude, practice every day at home for 30 minutes, and have the proper materials for class (practiced instruments in good playing condition, reed, music, pencil, etc.). Next, students should continually exhibit improvement in assignments and music fundamentals, such as scales, tone quality, proper breathing, proper posture, etc. At all times, band students must follow classroom rules (no chewing gum, etc.). To keep this program successful, every student is expected to exhibit respect for the band director, fellow students, school and personal property, student leaders, etc.

**Note: If a student's instrument needs repair, the student MUST bring a signed note from his/her parents stating the situation for EVERY class the instrument is being repaired. If a woodwind or brass player needs to be excused from performing in class (dental, sore throat, etc.), the same procedure applies. The student is still expected to bring all materials (including the instrument) to class.*

Practice Sheets: Students must practice at least 30 minutes daily. This year students will regularly turn in completed practice sheets documenting what they practiced, how long they practiced, and other details. Parents will be required to sign the practice sheets verifying that your student did indeed practice daily as listed on the practice sheet. These sheets will be an important part of the student's grade and also important to the success of the band. Students can possibly be asked to perform the playing exercises that they specified on the practice sheets. This will help hold them accountable for their daily practice encouraging musical success as an individual and as a vital member of the E.P.M.S. Band.

Playing Test: Students are given a minimum of one-week notice prior to each assigned test. If a student is absent on the assigned test day, it is the responsibility of the student to arrange a make-up test with the band director.

Performance Preparation and Participation: Students are expected to be prompt in arrival, have all needed materials, be neatly dressed, have positive and appropriate behavior and attitude, and to perform to their best potential. A doctor's note is required to excuse a missed performance. There are at least 2 concerts throughout the year.

Academic grades will be the same this year. Therefore students can receive the following grades based on the above expectations:

A	=	94 - 100
B	=	86 - 93
C	=	77 - 85
D	=	70 - 76
F	=	69 or below

Conduct grades depend on whether students have any conduct "checks" for the nine weeks.

No checks	=	E
1 check	=	G
2 checks	=	S
3-4 checks	=	N (detention)
5 checks	=	U

Conduct checks are given after a warning has been given, and can be for excessive talking, playing the instrument during quiet time, or other classroom disruptions. (See student handbook for further actions.) Remember: Students who consistently do their BEST at all times in all areas can be successful in both their academic and their conduct grades. Students earn grades; they are not given.

BAND DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

Important band dates are being included in the handbook so that may put them on your calendars now. Please understand that some practices, times, or dates can change due to circumstances out of my control. However, you will be given as much notice as possible when I need to make any changes. Please remember that marching band practices occur during the fall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Occasionally the marching band will also meet on Mondays due to holidays, performances, etc. Also, during the second semester, the Concert Band will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until Concert Festival. The marching band and concert band practices are not listed on the next page. However, those reoccurring daily practices will appear on the monthly calendars. Finally, after school concert rehearsals are already included for the year for each grade. These after school concert rehearsals are required for every band member to prepare for the concerts. Please make a note of these important band dates. Students stating that they didn't know about the practices, concerts, etc. will not be accepted as excuses. We want them to learn to manage their time and prioritize their scheduled events on the calendar. Thank you!

BAND DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 7 th - Thursday, September 9 th	Guard and Drum Major Clinics and Tryouts 4-5pm each day (permission slips turned in by Sept. 3 rd)
Monday, September 13 th	Eighth Grade REQUIRED after school practice to prepare to play for Open House tomorrow 4-5pm. NOTE THE SHORTENED PRACTICE TIME!
Tuesday, September 14 th	First marching band practice for <u>ALL</u> 7 th & 8 th graders 4-5:15pm Guard and marching percussion practice 5:15-6pm
Tuesday, September 14 th	Eighth Grade band performs for Open House at 7pm
September/October (Dates TBA)	Band Fundraiser (for all band students)
September/October (Dates TBA)	Uniform fittings for seventh and eighth grade band students
Monday, October 4 th	Marching Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders)
Monday, November 8 th	Marching Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders)
Thursday, November 11th	Veteran's Day Parade - TENTATIVE date (for 7 th & 8 th grade Marching band members)
Monday, November 15 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, November 16 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, November 18 th	Marching Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders)
Monday, November 22 nd	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Monday, November 29 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, November 30 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, December 2 nd	Marching Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders)
Saturday, December 4 th	Jr. High All-West Band Auditions at Collierville High School (7 th & 8 th graders strongly encouraged to audition)
Monday, December 6 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, December 7 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, December 9 th \	Last Marching Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders)
Saturday, December 11th	Bartlett Christmas Parade (for Marching band members)
Monday, December 13 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, December 14th	Holiday Band and Choir Concert at 6pm (REQUIRED for all band members)
Friday, January 28 th	Band Sponsored Dance in the gym 7-9:30pm
Thurs., Feb. 24 th -26 th	Jr. High All-West Band Clinic at Cannon Performing Arts Center (for the selected students)
Monday, March 21 st	Concert Band practice (REQUIRED to finalize preparations for festival)
Tuesday, March 22 nd	Concert Band practice (REQUIRED to finalize preparations for festival)

BAND DATES TO REMEMBER - Continued

Thursday, March 24 th	Concert Band practice (REQUIRED to finalize preparations for festival)
Monday, March 28 th	Concert Band practice (REQUIRED to finalize preparations for festival)
Tues., March 29 th or Wed., March 30 th	Concert Festival for the Concert Band Members at Craigmont Middle School
April (<i>Date TBA</i>)	Tour of Schools for the Honor Band members
Monday, April 4 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, April 5 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, April 7 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Saturday, April 9 th	Solo & Ensemble at Cordova Middle School (for those students who register)
Monday, April 11 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, April 12 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, April 14 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Monday, April 18 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, April 19 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Monday, April 25 th	Sixth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all sixth graders to prepare for the concert)
Tuesday, April 26 th	Seventh and Eighth Grade Band Practice (REQUIRED for all seventh and eighth graders to prepare for the concert)
Thursday, April 28th	Spring Band and Choir Concert (REQUIRED for all band members)
Tuesday, May 3rd	TENTATIVE date for 6th Grade Band performance at fifth grade orientation night (REQUIRED for all sixth grade band members)
May (<i>Date TBA</i>)	Band Banquet
May (<i>Date TBA</i>)	Possible Band Day at Libertyland (this activity depends on the student's behavior, performances, and fundraisers throughout the year)

Let's have a great year!