

Tips for Playing at Home

Take advantage of listening to your own sound **without** the Band. Spend a little time figuring out how to play a tricky note pattern or strengthening your tone. Hint: play in front of a mirror and focus on how you use your facial muscles along with your breathing. Remember to review what you already know AND work on something challenging. If you only have 10 minutes to play at home, make a plan to use it wisely.

Tips for Playing at School

Take advantage of listening to your teammates. A musician's ear is their first instrument and needs to be trained to hear right from wrong. If you hear a member of your section playing very well, then try to imitate them. The Band can only sound great if we all know how to create great sounds.

Please cut off this form and return it to Mr. Barkon by **September 7, 2018**

Band T-Shirt Size (circle one): S – M – L – XL – XXL

Student & Parent/Guardian Signoff Sheet

I have read the Pirate Band Handbook and understand the requirements and responsibilities of being a member of this ensemble.

Student Signature

Date

I have read the Pirate Band Handbook and understand the requirements and responsibilities of my son/daughter being a member of this ensemble.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2018 * 2019 Band Handbook

September 2018

Welcome Back Musicians!



I hope you had a restful summer and are excited to get back to making some great music. I am very excited to be starting my 20th year of teaching music with you! Over the school year I will be offering you many exciting experiences and opportunities to discover your inner musician. Some of those opportunities will include auditioning for the South East District and SEMSBA music festivals, performances in our Jazz Rock band, SHIPWRECKED, at the C Note, and performing at our 2nd Annual Solo and Small Ensemble Pot Luck Dinner.

Also, fundraising will be huge this year as we begin planning for our Spring music trip to Philadelphia (much more information will be given out throughout the school year)! Fundraising events this school year will include, but not limited to, Can and Bottle Drives, Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, and Snacking USA.

Finally, I know last year we did some amazing new things in our Band program, but I always look forward to what we can do to continue the development of our great reputation as well as strengthening the friendships we have in the Band. Your thoughts and comments are always welcome, so don't hesitate to share them with me!

Go Pirates!

Mr. Barkon

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Expectations

1. As a member of the Pirate Band you will be expected to be prepared for all in-class performance assessments (quizzes and tests) as well as out-of-class performances (concerts and events).
2. It takes self-motivation and pride to keep up with the members of the Band. If you find yourself confused about something that we are discussing, I am available for extra help, so please do not hesitate to meet with me.
3. Please do not distract other members of the Band from their learning with side conversations or inappropriate behaviors during a rehearsal.
4. Be responsible for your music education. Responsibilities include; respecting your classmates, instrument, music, folder and classroom equipment. If you notice something that is wrong with your instrument, you need a copy of music, or a piece of school equipment is damaged, those issues should be taken care of at the BEGINNING of class.

Our rehearsal time is extremely valuable and cannot be wasted.

Grading

90% Class & Performance Participation

- Students need to be regularly prepared for class with their materials and attend ALL scheduled performances

10% Performance Assessment

- Students will perform required assignments (quizzes on scales or a predetermined section of music)

Goals to Think About

This year in Band I will...

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Concert Attire

Formal Performances

Girls: **BLACK LONG SLEEVED** collared shirt with **BLACK BUTTONS**, Black skirt (**CALF LENGTH PLEASE!**) or pants, Black shoes, Blue Cummerbund & Bow Tie (school provided - **\$20 replacement fee** for a lost uniform item)



Boys: **BLACK LONG SLEEVED** collared shirt with **BLACK BUTTONS**, Black pants, Black socks, Black shoes, Blue Cummerbund & Bow Tie (school provided - **\$20 replacement fee** for a lost uniform item)



Informal Performances

Girls and Boys: Band T-Shirt, Jeans, Sneakers

Supplies

A musician needs to be prepared for anything. To keep your instrument running in top condition you need to be prepared for those sticky valves, chipped reeds or broken drum sticks. I **recommend** the following for:

Flutes: bottle of key oil, precision screwdriver set, old clean t-shirt

Clarinets and Saxophones: At least TWO reeds or a box of 10 (#2 ½ or 3), cleaning swab, bottle of key oil, mouthpiece brush, cork grease (clarinet), precision screwdriver set, old clean t-shirt

Trumpets, French horn and Baritone horn: bottle of valve oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, valve casing brush, cleaning snake, old clean t-shirt

Trombone: bottle of slide oil, slide grease, spray bottle, cleaning snake, old clean t-shirt

Percussion: TWO pairs of drum sticks (7A and 5A), drum key, practice pad

Materials -All Students-

Musical Instrument – Owned or rented*

Band Method Book – to be used for additional practice and as a resource

Music Stand – for home practice

Music Folder – for home copies of Band music and classroom handouts

Pencil – to take notes during rehearsal and to use for written assessments

* Instruments can be rented through the Goulet & Co. rental company.
Please see Mr. Barkon for more information.

Online Resources

Instruments, Supplies and Accessories

Cascio Interstate Music: www.interstatemusic.com

Woodwind and Brasswind: www.wwbw.com

Sheet Music

Sheet Music Plus: www.sheetmusicplus.com

Local Retail Stores

Goulet & Company, inc. – 110 Corporate Park Drive
Suite 1945
Pembroke, MA 02359
781-829-2282

Scituate Music – 123 Front St
Scituate, MA 02066
(781) 545-9800

South Shore Music & DiCenso's Drum Shop –
13 Washington Street
Weymouth, MA 02188
Toll FREE: 888-860-MUSIC
781-331-3333

Websites

Massachusetts Music Educators Association Southeastern District

www.semmea.org

South Eastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association

www.semsbama.org

Students and Parents/Guardians are invited to use this website to access Audition and Festival information. If you have any questions about the organization, PLEASE direct them to me.

I am only your record keeper. I record what you turn in or how you perform. Your grade is a reflection of your hard work and effort. If you want that 'A' in Band then you will have to earn it. You CAN do it!

Performances

Performances are musical opportunities for YOU to demonstrate your understanding of the material that we've been working on. Currently we have the following public performances scheduled. Please put them on your home calendar today and arrive **15 minutes before** each event.

Specific details about an event will be sent home at least ONE month prior to that event. **Performances are also a part of your quarterly grade.**
Attendance is mandatory! Only a written note from a parent or guardian will excuse you from a performance. That note must be turned in TWO weeks prior to an event. If I have a note excusing you from an event then I will give you an alternate written assignment to take place of the performance grade. **An unexcused absence from a performance will lower your TERM grade by ONE FULL LETTER GRADE. Consider this: you wouldn't forget to attend your playoff game, so don't forget to attend your performance.**

Band Calendar 2018 – 2019

Home Football Games

September 7 @ 5 PM

September 21 @ 7 PM

September 28 @ 7 PM

October 5 @ 6 PM (Homecoming?)

Veteran's Day Memorial: November 12, 2018

Senior District Auditions: November 17, 2018

Thanksgiving Rally: November 21, 2018

Junior District Auditions: December 8, 2018

Winter Concert: December 19, 2018 @ 7 PM

Senior and Junior SEMSBA Auditions: February 2, 2019

Family Band Night: March TBA

Solo and Small Ensemble Pot Luck Dinner: March TBA

Philadelphia Music Festival: April 25 – 28, 2019

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- ALL Home Football Games
- Family Band Night
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- 2* Volunteering Performance (i.e. the Empty Bowl Project, Art Show, etc.)

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