



# MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## **MEMORIAL MS BAND PROGRAM 2023-2024**

♪ CONFIDENCE ♪ COMMUNITY ♪ CREATIVITY ♪ CRITICAL THINKING ♪ EXPRESSION ♪  
♪ INDEPENDENCE ♪ PROBLEM SOLVING ♪ SELF-DISCIPLINE ♪ TEAMWORK ♪

### Required Materials

#### **1. Instrument**

*This should be brought to school and taken home on the day that a student has band class. Students can drop off their instrument in the auditorium cabinets when they arrive at 7:55AM. Instruments should not be left at school for extended periods of time.*

#### **2. Essential Elements for Band – Book 1**

*These books are instrument specific and should match what the student is playing in band class. These can be ordered through Goulet & Co., who visits our school on a weekly basis.*

#### **3. Pencils!**

*Sheet music and music books always need to be marked/notated. Large erasers are also useful!*

#### **4. Chromebook**

*We will use this on occasion to strengthen our note-reading skills and explore music technology.*

#### **5. Folding Music Stand (*home-use and Family Band Night*)**

*This is for practicing at home with proper posture and technique but may be required for one of our performances in March.*

### Playing at Home

**Consistent practice is necessary** to develop the skills required to play any instrument. Ideally, students should set aside at least **20 minutes each day** to practice their instrument. If this is not possible, practicing at home on non-band days will ensure that students are at least playing their instruments each day between class and home. On occasion, students will be responsible for using their Chromebook to create audio recordings of their practicing. These 'practice assignments' will be announced in advance and will be submitted to Google Classroom.

### Grading

Most of a student's grade in band class will be daily participation. **Each class, students will earn up to FIVE points for attending with all their materials and giving their best effort.** Forgetting to bring one's instrument to class will result in no more than a TWO for that day. If a student is unable to bring their instrument to class for special circumstances (i.e. – instrument repair, recent travel, etc.) please provide a note from a parent or guardian or contact me directly via email. Google Classroom will be used for creating, sharing, and submitting assignments but no grades will be made available there. **Students and parents should visit Aspen to view the most up-to-date grades for band.** If you need assistance logging in to Aspen, please contact the middle school main office.

## Performances/Concerts

**Band students are required to perform at band concerts** throughout the school year. Aside from the occasional quiz in class, **performances are our form of assessment**. A letter will be sent home about a month prior to each performance providing all the necessary details. In the case of a prior conflict or emergency where a student cannot attend, a parent or guardian should send their child in with a signed note or contact me directly as soon as possible. Students who do not attend a performance must also complete a makeup assessment. Unless otherwise noted, all students must wear the formal concert attire below. If any family needs help acquiring any of these items, please contact me! We perform our best when we look and feel our best, and our students deserve to look as good as they sound!

### **Formal Concert Attire – WHITE on top & BLACK on bottom OR ALL WHITE or ALL BLACK**

Ladies:	Pants or fingertip-length or longer skirt/dress; blouse; tights, nylons, or socks; shoes
Gentlemen:	Black dress pants (i.e., Dockers); white button-down shirt; necktie; black socks; black shoes

## **Important Dates: Please mark your calendars!!**

### **Instrument Rental Night w/ Goulet & Co.**

Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 6:30PM  
Jacobs School Cafeteria

### **Memorial MS Winter Concert 2023**

Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 6:30PM  
Memorial Middle School Auditorium

### **Hull Family Band Night 2024**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 7:00PM  
Hull High School Gymnasium

### **Memorial MS Spring Concert 2024**

Thursday, May 30, 2024 @ 6:30PM  
Memorial Middle School Auditorium

If you have any questions, please contact me, and I will reply as soon as possible. I look forward to getting to know and working with all our band students and families this year!!

Sincerely,

Andrew St. George  
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