

# *Green Local Schools* Band Handbook

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## DAILY EXPECTATIONS

### Be Prepared

- Bring everything you need to class every day (instrument, pencil, music/books, etc.)

### Be Respectful

- Of students, staff, equipment

### Participation

- Band is most fun when you play! Reasons it is acceptable for you to not play:
  - Your instrument is being repaired
    - Please make sure repairs are done in a timely manner
  - You have a doctor's note requesting you not play

### I Forgot...

- Students who come to class unprepared, especially without an instrument, should be prepared to do extra work during or after the class time. This may result in a lowering of their daily band grade.

### Lockers

- All band students will be assigned a locker in the instrument storage room to use. Students may, if they wish, provide a lock for their locker, however they must give Mrs. Keserich either a key or the combination.

### Cell Phone/Tablet Policy

In an effort to reduce the carbon footprint of the band, allow students and parents regular access to written work and grades, and incorporate technology into the band room, students are *encouraged* to bring their cell phones/personal tablets to class **with parental permission**. Unfortunately, there are not enough school-owned Chromebooks for every student to use one at the same time, therefore if a student is permitted by their parents to have their cell phones in school, please allow them to bring them to band class. Written work will be completed in the form of Google Quizzes in OTUS and playing tests will all be submitted online through flipgrid. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please email me at any time.

*Should a student be found using their personal device for reasons other than specific band purposes, they will lose their cell phone privilege.*

## GRADING PROCEDURES

Student grades are based on daily participation, written work, playing tests, written tests, and performances/concerts.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Marching Band is required of all high school students, and therefore they will be graded on marching band rehearsals and performances. Excused absences due to religious conflicts or verified school-sanctioned sporting events will be excluded from grades. Students that miss for illness or other reasons may be asked to complete a make-up assignment. Unexcused absences will result in a 0 grade. (Please refer to the list of unexcused absences in the next section.)

Pep band is also required for high school students, and therefore they will be graded on pep band performances as well. Students will be expected to attend a certain number of games as determined by the number of games at which we will play and overall instrumentation of the band.

Jazz band is an optional extra performance opportunity for high school students. Information will be presented shortly after school begins.

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## OTUS

All playing tests (and most written work) will be completed on Otus. *While it is recommended that students complete playing tests at home, it is not required and they will be given class time if they are not able to do them at home.*  
**\*\*Please note that students MUST use their Green Local email account in order to access the Google Classroom.\*\***  
Please make sure your child is signed up for the appropriate Google Classroom.

## COVID INFORMATION

We are in some very uncertain times right now. There are some extra precautions needed for band students.

### Masks

Band students that play wind instruments are being asked to provide 2 masks - one for their other classes and one for band.

- Non-flute - please cut a slit in your mask so you can put your mouthpiece in your mask.
- Flute - please have a mask that is a little open at the bottom (not tight) so you can fit your headjoint under the mask

This is to protect the teachers and other students in the room by diminishing the amount of spray emitted from the mouth while students are playing.

### Percussion Supplies

Percussion students must provide their own snare drum sticks and bell mallets. Materials that must be shared (bass drum beaters, timpani mallets, etc) will be wiped down in between classes.

### Other band supplies

- Pencils will NOT be provided in the band room for students to borrow
- Instruments, mouthpieces, reeds, etc. will not be available for students to borrow if they forget theirs
- Every student will use their own music stand and music/book.
  - Because of this, students will need to have their own music/book every day. Materials will not be lent out if a student forgets his/her book.

### Instrument Cleaning

It is recommended that students clean their instruments/mouthpieces at regular intervals. Mrs. Keserich will teach the students how to properly clean their instruments to avoid damage.

## BAND APP

Students and parents are highly encouraged to download an app called BAND. Important information will be communicated through this app, and performance dates will be added to the calendar. You are also able to send me a private message (not viewable by other students/parents) to ask questions you need answered.



Locate the BAND app. [www.band.us](http://www.band.us)

Middle School - search for Green Middle School Bands

High School - search for Smithville High School Band

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Nearly all forms submitted digitally for band. Go to [www.greenlocalbands.weebly.com](http://www.greenlocalbands.weebly.com) and find the link to the registration form on the Forms and Downloads page or use the QR code below on a mobile device. High school students already completed this for marching band. **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION.** Families who do not have access to the internet may request a paper registration form to complete.

Link to the Google Band Registration Form:

### Middle School



## CLASS SUPPLIES

### Instrument

Students are encouraged to rent or purchase an instrument from a local music store. Any of the following stores offer rental programs at a variety of prices:

Pellegrino's Music	(330) 498-8400 located in N. Canton
Woodsy's Music	(330) 673-1525 located in Kent and Medina
Larry's Music	(330) 262-8855 located in Wooster
Taylor Band and Orchestra	(330) 733-4131 located in Ellet
Royalton Music	(440) 237-9400 located in North Royalton

Pellegrino's and Larry's will both make service calls to our school, meaning that in the event your child has a problem with his/her instrument, they will come to our school, pick it up, repair it, and return it under your rental contract. This saves you the hassle of going to the store to have the instrument serviced.

### Instrument Purchase Caution

While it is possible to find instruments online, be wary of such purchases. Most internet instruments are not quality; they will fall apart within a year or two and most music stores will not repair them. These instruments often come in various colors, are shiny, and have really neat cases. However, they are not a sound financial investment. It is *possible* to find a good deal online, however in most cases they are not wise purchases. Feel free to email the band staff at any time to ask if we agree a purchase is a good investment or not.

### Instrument Supplies

All students are responsible for having appropriate supplies with them at all times.

Reed Instruments	Brass	Percussion	Flute
3 good reeds at all times	Valve or slide oil	Sticks	Cleaning rod
Cork grease	Slide Grease	Mallets	Cleaning cloth
Reed case			

**\*\*All of the above supplies are available for purchase at your local music store\*\***

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### Pencil

Students are expected to have a pencil everyday. It is recommended that you leave a pencil in the band folder or instrument case. Pencils will NOT be provided in the band room for students to borrow.

### Folder & Music

All students will be provided with a band folder. Students are expected to keep their band music in this folder and bring it to class with them daily.

### Habits of a Successful Musician

ALL band students will be lent a method book to use. These books are brand new and were purchased by the curriculum department of Green Local Schools. Similar to class textbooks, students are responsible for keeping these books in good condition and are expected to return them at the end of the year.

### Method Book (Middle school)

6th grade students are expected to purchase a method book; these usually come with your instrument purchase/rental from music stores and can be found online.

6th Grade - Essential Elements for Band Book 1

### Fees

There is a school fee associated with band class. The fee is \$25 for high school students, \$10 for middle school students. Please pay with your other school fees.

## CONCERT INFORMATION

*Please put all pertinent dates on your calendar ASAP to avoid conflicts.*

Concerts are the culminating assessment to the ongoing learning experience of the performance objectives in instrumental music as aligned with the Ohio Music Standards. Therefore, attendance at regularly scheduled performances is mandatory.

**In the event of a schedule conflict, please notify me in writing at least two weeks in advance so that a solution can be attained.** Please make transportation arrangements for your child's performance in advance as failure to find transportation is not an excused absence. *Sporting events are not an excused absence and most often a solution can be attained so students can attend both.* Attendance at the concerts dressed appropriately will result in a 100% performance grade; a missed concert due to an unexcused absence will be marked as a 0% performance grade. Students are expected to attend the entire concert to support and learn from the other performing ensembles. **Absences are excused at the discretion of the band staff.**

### Excused Absences

1. Verifiable personal illness (excused absence from school)
  - a. Students who are unexcused absent from school or miss an entire day due to illness (not a scheduled doctor's appointment) are not permitted to attend the concert per school rules. This does NOT apply to students who miss class for school trips/functions or a doctor's appointment.
2. Death in family (Please communicate with the band staff)
3. Other uncontrollable circumstances discussed in conference with parent and director
4. Religious exemption that prevents your student from participating in performances
5. Parents must fill out the absence request form located under the resources tab of our website

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### Make-Up Work

Make-up work will be made available to students with an excused absence from any performance and will be given to the student by a band director when they return to school. Failure to turn in the make-up work by the deadline will result in a 0 performance grade. *This will be required of any and all excused performance absences throughout the year, at all levels.* (Make-up work will not be made available for unexcused absences.)

### Concert Dress

Middle School students are required to wear either white on top and black on bottom or all black.

High School students are required to wear all black.

**\*\*School dress code applies at all times\*\***

1. Tops must cover shoulders for girls, ties preferred but not required for boys
2. Dress bottoms required
  - a. Skirts must be ankle length when seated.
    - i. Inappropriate length skirts may result in the student being not permitted to perform resulting in a 0 performance grade
  - b. Dress pants (no leggings, black jeans, or athletic pants) are required
3. Black dress shoes are required for High School, recommended for Middle School
4. Black socks (or hosiery) required - no bare legs, tan hosiery, no white socks

*\*Students who do not wear concert dress will have their performance grade lowered, and may not be permitted to perform on the concert*

## INSTRUMENT USAGE POLICY

This musical instrument and/or locker, owned by the Green Local Schools, will be provided to students for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, under the following conditions:

1. Student and parent(s) will be responsible for any loss and/or damage that may occur, except for reasonable wear and depreciation, ***up to and including replacement cost for the instrument.***
2. Student will not allow others to handle or play the instrument.
3. Student will practice, maintain satisfactory progress and perform at all functions undertaken by the instructor in charge.
4. Student will return the instrument at the appropriate time(s) for regular maintenance and inventory control.
5. Student will return the instrument at the request of the director if satisfactory progress is not maintained, or if there is significant damage to the instrument.
6. This contract is valid for any school-owned instrument, instrument accessories, and/or locker that the student is assigned. Multiple contracts are not needed for multiple instrument assignments.

## AGREEMENT FORM

Please fill out the following Google form to complete your agreement form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHzDj7-nYh7upL\\_R6uYw9DdWlcYm32aTT9DTWmsTC4h9Iiw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHzDj7-nYh7upL_R6uYw9DdWlcYm32aTT9DTWmsTC4h9Iiw/viewform)

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### PERFORMANCE DATES AS OF 8/18/20

Dates that do not pertain to your student are extra credit if a program is turned in with the student's name.  
*Marching Band dates are not included as they were already in the marching band handbook*

AS OF RIGHT NOW, we are unsure if we are able to hold in person concerts. These are the dates we have right now. Please put these on your calendar ASAP. We will communicate when we know more.

WHO	WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>			
High School	TBD, daytime	Veteran's Day Assembly	SHS
Select GMS students	Thursday, Nov 6, 8am-4pm	OMEA D VI Honor Band	Wooster
Select GMS students	Friday, Nov 8, evening	OMEA D VI Honor Band Concert	Wooster
Select SHS students	Monday, Nov 23, 6-8:30pm	Tri-County Honor Band auditions	SHS
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>			
MS Band and Choir	Thursday, Dec 10, 6 and 7:15pm	Christmas Concert	SHS
HS Band and Choir	Wednesday, Dec 9, 7pm	Christmas Concert	SHS
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>			
Select HS students	Sunday, January 24, 2:30pm	Tri-County Honor Band Concert	Wooster
Select HS Students	Saturday, January 30, TBD	OMEA Solo and Ensemble	TBD
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Select HS/MS students	Saturday, Feb 27, TBD	Tri-County Solo and Ensemble	Dalton HS
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
HS Bands	Fri-Sat Mar 12/13 TBD	Large group contest	TBD
<b>ALL BANDS</b>	Monday, Mar 22, 7pm	Bands in the Round	SHS
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
MS students	Tuesday, May 18, 6 and 7:15pm	Spring Concert	SHS
HS students	Thursday, May 20, 7pm	Spring Concert	SHS
HS students	Sunday, May 30, TBD	Commencement	SHS

\*\*More Jazz Band performances may be added throughout the year.

\*\*Please see our band handbook for information regarding concert attendance and procedures.